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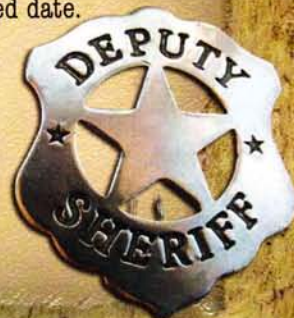
## THERE ARE NEW LAWMEN IN TOWN!

Sheriff Val Erwin, W5PUT, and Marshal Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, both QCWA Directors, are offering a \$250 "bounty" to the QCWA Member that recruits the most NEW QCWA Members in a given quarter. In order to accomplish this feat, the Sheriff and Marshal hereby deputize each QCWA Member as a deputy! Following announcement in this first quarter edition of the 2008 QCWA Journal, the "hunt" for new Members begins in the second quarter (April 1 through July 31) The "hunt", with a single bounty award for each quarter, continues for a total of four (4) quarters. The winning deputy will be announced in each succeeding issue of the Journal for the previous quarter.

### The Rules:

1. The Officers and Directors of the QCWA at the National level are ineligible.
2. Only current Members in good standing are eligible to apply for and receive the bounty as a deputy.
3. An individual deputy may only win the \$250 bounty a single time during the duration of the contest over multiple quarters.
4. Only NEW Members recruited during each applicable quarter are eligible to be counted by deputies for credit.
5. Special Conditions: Renewing Members are eligible to become a deputy the first day of the month following their effective renewal.
6. No intermixing of recruited Members is allowed between quarters.
7. Application is made by submitting the list of recruited Members to the GM, Chuck Walbridge, by the 15th of the month following the end of the Quarter you wish to claim. All new membership applications claimed must have reached QCWA Headquarters by the end of that quarter.
8. The new Member's names on the submitted list MUST agree with the names on the new application form(s) to include the "Proposed by" line.
9. The applying deputy must have proposed the NEW Member in order for it to be counted.
10. The General Manager will be the final authority on the award of the four bounties: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter of 2008; 1st quarter of 2009.
11. In case of dual winning entries, the winner will be determined by the earliest postmarked date.
12. The QCWA deputy that wins for each quarter will have his/her name announced in the QCWA Journal and will receive a QCWA check in the mail for \$250.00.

**By Order of the Sheriff and the Marshal**







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**This month's cover:** The history of technology, which has brought us to where we are today, has been documented in many ways; from books, movies and even stamps, which are displayed on this issue's cover! Thanks to Robert Cashdollar, NR8U, for sharing some of his collection of the many stamps and envelopes that have recognized people who have contributed these technical accomplishments.

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## Spring 2008

It's election time! We must now choose the members of our Board of Directors for the next term, September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2010. It seems peculiar not to be in the running for an office once again, but our Directors Guide at Section 10 says that it shall be a general policy to limit tenure of office for the office of president to no more than two terms. Because I am in the final year in my second term as serving as your President, I automatically qualify to serve the next term on our Board. It will be, however, as the immediate past-president.

It has been my duty to appoint one director to serve and be the chairperson of each of our five standing committees. This brand new limitation came into effect immediately before our current term. So far it has not been a problem for this board, but it would have presented a nearly impossible predicament for some of our previous boards. During my seven-plus years thereon, we have had presidents, vice-presidents, past-presidents and other non-directors serve very well as standing committee chairs and vice-chairs. This practice has been halted. Now, the chair must be a director, period; not one of our four officers, not the immediate past-president, nor any other non-director.

In the absence of standing committee chair, moreover, the vice-chair must perform the duties of the chair. In keeping with the spirit of our Director's Guide, therefore, the policy has been that the vice-chair of each of our five standing committees must also be a director just in case there is a need for the vice-chair to step up to fill the position as chair. That makes for ten slots to be filled by eight directors. So, please give extra-careful attention to selecting our directors.

There's even more. We have had directors who were missing in action for long periods of time; not answering calls for a vote nor even responding to e-mail communications. (Directors Guide Section 8-A requires all board members to have electronic voting capability as one of the conditions for board membership.) There have been multiple instances where directors have informed me that they will not take on the job as a standing committee chair, citing as their reasons: health, work and burnout. They have been accommodated, but their non-availability narrowed drastically our bench options. At one point during the prior board, only half of the directors made themselves available for chair duty. Our then-Vice-President, for instance, served as the Chair of our Publications Standing Committee. That would not have been a possible option under the new limitation. When you cast your ballot for directors, therefore, please vote for candidates who are willing and able to serve actively as chair of a standing committee.

Our Director's Guide at Section 5 states that each director shall endeavor to attend QCWA chapter meetings and other

activities in his (sic) general area as much as possible. The director shall keep himself (sic) informed as to the needs and desires of the members of the organization in order that he (sic) may faithfully and intelligently represent the true interests of the membership. Directors shall promote membership and interest in the national organization and promote the welfare of existing chapters and the establishment of new chapters. I have no idea as to why our officers are left out of this critical function. This type of activity should be a prime responsibility on all of our BoD members, including our president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and immediate past-president. When you cast your ballot, therefore, please vote for candidates who are ready, willing and able to carry out these obligations.

Finally, I am adamant that the members of our Board of Directors should be as responsive as possible to our membership. They should seek out and listen to what our members have to say. They should let our members know that they understand their concerns and their views are being heard. Their votes should reflect the views of our constituency. For one thing, I have urged (read: badgered) every member of the Board to write a regular column in our QCWA JOURNAL about their area of responsibility so that you can be informed as to what they and their committees have been doing. When you cast your ballot, therefore, please vote for candidates who are willing and able to be responsive to your desires and keep you informed.



What a view from the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach!

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## The Quarter Century Wireless Association

The Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc. was founded December 5, 1947, as a non-commercial association of radio amateurs organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation, for the establishment and advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare.

QCWA is an incorporated association without capital stock chartered under the laws of the State of New York, and is a tax exempt 501(C)3 organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Its affairs are governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Directors, whose voting members are elected every two years by the general membership.

In order to qualify for membership in QCWA one must have demonstrable proof of having been first licensed as an Amateur Radio operator at least 25 years prior to application for membership and must be currently licensed. Membership inquiries and general correspondence should be addressed to the business office at P.O. Box 3247, Framingham, MA 01705-3247 U.S.A. Telephone: 508-405-1930  
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*The beautiful Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach!*



*Snowy Pikes Peak! Photo by K0G0B.*

### RECENT VISITS

Recent visits included our Del-Mar-Va Chapter #150 for a picnic at the Lewes, Delaware, QTH of Dick Drevo, W3GNQ, where John Willmuth, NQ4Q, accepted our Meritorious Service Award, and to the top of snowy Pikes Peak during the fabulous QCWA 60th Anniversary Convention hosted by our Colorado Chapter #58. Other tours included the real gold cupola roofed State Capitol, the Denver Mint, the Air Force Academy and the historic gold mining town Georgetown Loop Railroad. We also enjoyed an overnight inspection visit to the beautiful ocean-front Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach (Photos 2 and 3), site of our October 2-5, 2008 QCWA Annual Convention hosted by Tidewater Chapter #119. For more views of the hotel, visit the photo book at <http://www.cavalierhotel.com>.

Welcome Sweet Springtime!

DE W3BE



# GENERAL MANAGER'S Report

Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD



Spring 2008

**DAYTON HAMVENTION:** It's not spring in New England - yet - but it is time to think about the Dayton Hamvention. QCWA will man our booth to recruit new members, renew memberships and sell member supplies. The booth assignment we had for 2007 has been requested, but until the confirmation has been received at Headquarters, I won't know the Committee's final decision. It will be posted on the QCWA web page or, when you attend, check the list in the program for the location. Be sure to drop by for an "eyeball" QSO!

**QCWA CARE PACKAGES:** While Dayton is the preeminent hamfest, local hamfests, supported by the local chapters, continue to keep QCWA visible to non-members. As our President, John B. Johnston, has stated, it's the place to "Fly Our Banner". To support that activity, Headquarters has, for many years, provided a "CARE Package" which contains items needed to support the chapter at the QCWA booth. Included in the package are: applications for new/renewal members, back issues of the Journal (to distribute to potential members), member supplies to sell (patches, decals, caps) and order forms for engraved badges, pins, QSL cards and shirts. A sign-in sheet provides a way for checking which local members stopped by. A financial summary sheet is used to list all monies received so that Headquarters can be sure to correctly record the funds forwarded to the Office. Please be accurate with these numbers; check all totals against cash/checks received. Please make your request for a "CARE Package" at least four weeks in advance of your event. If you have items left over, please return them to Headquarters. These items are paid for with QCWA general funds and their sale supports the cost of replenishment of our stock. Most important, when at the booth, enjoy the experience!

**ELECTION 2008:** While the Nation prepares for a November event, QCWA has an election of our own. Every two years, Officers and Directors are elected to the Board of Directors to provide management and direction for the Organization. Ballots for ALL members will be mailed by April 1. Part of the mailing is a ballot, which you mark, remove, and mail to the tellers, with First Class postage (\$0.41US; check our local rates for international). All ballots must be received by July 15th. There is also a change to the Constitution, proposed by the Board, which you will need to vote on. Details on page 10. The photo and brief biography of all the candidates begins on page 6.

**UNSUNG HEROS:** Our Officers, Directors and Office staff are all very visible to you, our members. There are others that I deal with at the Office who are very much a part of the team keeping QCWA on the move. I would like to focus on our program in support of our sight-impaired members.

For each issue of the Journal, a 90-minute audiotape is prepared with selected articles, including Chapter Reports. The issue of the Journal is marked and sent to the person who reads the selected material. That audio master is then placed on a tape and mailed to selected members, all at no cost to QCWA.

The first person in the loop is Vic Culver, W4VIC, the Taping Program Coordinator. Vic takes over from Blanche Randles, who performed that task for many years (thank you Blanche!). Vic receives the Journal and, with a list of members who receive the tapes, highlights the articles and Chapter Reports of interest. Vic then forwards the marked copy to Bob Zeida, N1BLF. Bob is not a QCWA member but volunteers his time to QCWA, CQ, WorldRadio and others, recording their publications for sight-impaired hams. The last link is HandiHams, located in Golden Valley, MN. After receiving the audio file, they prepare the tapes that are mailed to our members. HandiHams provide services for many young hams through education programs and summer camps. This service is at no cost to QCWA or the other groups who make use of it. They depend on contributions from interested parties. ***I want to thank these people on behalf of our Organization and recognize their important contribution to QCWA members!***

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** A reminder that applications for a QCWA Scholarship are due to the Foundation For Amateur Radio by April 15th. See their web page at <http://www.amateurradio-far.org/scholarships/index.php> for information on requesting an application.

**ON A LIGHT NOTE:** Did everyone enjoy a happy St. Valentine's Day? With permission from my Valentine, I'll share a little personal story with you. Jan and I love ice cream—our favorite flavors respectively being Ben & Jerry's Cherry Garcia and Heathbar Krunch. At the Office one day, I asked Jan if there was anything special she might like for Valentine's Day. Without any thought she blurted out: "Just hand me a pint of Ben & Jerry's Cherry Garcia ice cream and a spoon!!" I said "Wow, Jan, that sounds tasty!" "I could join you in that one!" So, in one of Jan's senior moments, she turned to me and said: "What flavor will you choose? Heathkit?" We cracked up laughing! What can we say about a woman saturated with ham radio everyday?

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Dayton Hamvention in May. Enjoy a great spring!

73, Chuck and Jan

George Hart's series, "Random Recollections" will return in the next issue.



# 2008 QCWA Board Candidates



**Leonard Nathanson, W8RC  
PRESIDENT**

First licensed in 1948 as W8DQL. Electrical engineering degree, BSEE 1957, JD Juris doctor 1961. Served in US Army 1952-54, operator at WAR/K4USA. Past Director ARRL Great Lakes Division, Director QCWA 2000-06, former First Vice President ARRL. A1-op, WAZ, CP 30, RCC, ROWH, OTC. Practicing Lawyer, Farmington Hills, founder and

member Volunteer Counsel, founder of Legal Preemption Task Force (father of PRB1). Wife K8NFP sk, son WD8DUG, active 160mtrs-70cm. Home equipment is FT1000MP, ICOM 756 pro, Mosley pro96. Alpha 374a, ICOM FL 7000g.



**Robert Roske, NOUF  
PRESIDENT**

While I value tradition and history very much, I know we can't move forward if we are living in the past. I enjoy working with people, have good communications skills and enjoy public speaking. I am experienced in leading meetings and working with and on committees. It is essential to keep focused and moving forward. I have been appointed, elected or re-

lected as the President of various groups and organizations nineteen times, the largest of these was the PHD ARA in Kansas City, Missouri with over 700 members spread across several states. I'm currently the President of Grace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN.

I have a proven track record with QCWA. I have served or continue to serve in the following areas: Secretary of Chapter 35; 2000 - 2005, National Director; 2004, National Vice President, 2004 - 2006, Chairman of the Publications Standing Committee 2004 - 2006, Convention Committee Member Chapter 151; 2006, Webmaster for Chapter 120; 1997 - present, Awards Certificate Manager for Chapter 120; 2000 - present, Webmaster for Chapter 35; 2001 - present, QCWA Webmaster; 2002 - present, Advisor to the Publication Standing Committee, 2002 - present, Reflector Administrator, 2003 - present, Advisor to the Chapter Relations Standing Committee (Reflector Administrator), 2003 - present, Webmaster for Chapter 8; 2004 - present, Administrator of the Hotlist Reflector, 2004 - present, Member of the Chapter Relations Standing Committee, 2006 - present and I am a contributing writer for the QCWA Journal.

I'm a member of the Crow River Area ARC and a Certified Skywarn Spotter for McLeod County. I'm an ARRL Accredited Volunteer Examiner and a Public Information Officer for the Minnesota Section of the Dakota District. I operate CW, SSB and FM from 160 to 2 meters both fixed and mobile. I hold DXCC, 5BWAS, WAZ, RCC and many other operating awards. I also belong to; 10-10, 3905 Century Club, Armored Forces Amateur Radio Team, ARRL, FISTS, GERATOL, INDEXA, IOTA, Kansas City DX Club, Meeker County ARC, MEMO ARC, Old Man's International Sideband Society, Old Old Timers Club, Pro CW Club, St Cloud, MN ARC, Straight Key Century Club, Springbok, SOC, the Society of Wireless Pioneers and US Navy Radioman Association. I've been licensed for 46 years and I'm one month and ten days older than QCWA.

I worked for AT&T for 31 Years, IBM for 5 years, and Hutchinson Telephone Company for 2 years and am currently a programmer/analyst for TEKSystems in Minneapolis. I retired from the New Jersey National Guard in 1988 after serving in the US Navy Reserve and US Army Reserve. Linda and

I have been married for 38 years.

Some of the issues the QCWA Board needs to address are:

- 1) Promote and support our Local Chapters, they are a vital part of QCWA.
- 2) Improve the use of the Hotline Reflector to gather input from Local Chapters to foster ideas for all chapters.
- 3) Encourage members to become active on Local Chapter nets by checking into adjacent states on HF. I've checked into Local Chapter 75 meter nets in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota and Michigan.
- 4) Develop ways to recruit and retain members
- 5) Increase publicity for our QCWA Scholarship Fund.
- 6) Analyze our financial situation and finds ways to make us fiscally stronger.
- 7) Work with the Webmaster, Board Members and Chapter Officers to keep our website information current.
- 8) Maintain the CW nets associated with QCWA and possibly start a slow speed net.

I have the support of four living Past Presidents, several current and past Board members, numerous local chapter officers and many fine members.

When it comes time to vote for the next President of QCWA, I am the Best Ham for the job.



**Ken Oelke, VE6AFO  
VICE-PRESIDENT**

Ken Oelke was born in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada and became a radio amateur in 1961 as VE6AFO. He joined QCWA as a Life Member in 1989 and is currently President of Wild Rose Chapter 151. Ken is married to Linda-Lou, VE6LGO.

He held executive positions in ARLA, CARA, SARA, CRRL/RAC Director (1988-1999) and President of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) from 1999 to 2001. In 1994 he chaired the RAC First National Convention and the QCWA International Convention in 2006. Ken was RAC Head of Delegation at the IARU-R2 Conference in Guatemala City in 2001. Ken has been a QCWA Director from May 1996 to current.

An Automotive Service Technician, Ken owned and operated an automotive service outlet for 20 years and is presently employed as Ground Equipment Technician for Jazz Air over the past 13 years.

Ken is a Life Member of ARRL, RAC, QCWA and a current member of CARA, SARA, CCC, and Chapter 70, 73 and 151.

Ken also likes to volunteer at the Calgary Aero Space Museum and has been on the Calgary Stampede Parade Committee since 1988.



**Walter Supina, N3WS  
SECRETARY**

My QCWA Life Membership number 30909 is an indication that I am relatively new to QCWA as I was first licensed in 1976 as WN3BSI. Although I have not been a member very long I have been active in the Pelican Chapter and the Editor of the Chapter Newsletter for a few years. Two years ago I was elected to the position of Secretary of the Chapter.

I am a Life Member of ARRL and have been

## 2008 BOARD CANDIDATES

a member of the Nittany ARC (State College PA) since 1976, serving as President for one term. For many years I participated in the NTS as a CW traffic handler.

My professional career started with a doctorate in Chemical Engineering, but I soon became an analytical chemist, and with an associate, formed our own company. Within 25 years we had 250 employees and decided it was time to sell the company. Since 1989 I have spent the winters in Florida where I was introduced to QCWA by Art Kunst, W3WM.

Why am I running for the position of Secretary? QCWA has provided me with the opportunity to meet a friendly group of people with some amazing experiences relating to communications, ham radio and life in general. I believe I should do what I can to help the Organization.



**Leroy Baldwin, W00FY**  
**DIRECTOR - INCUMBENT**

Leroy Baldwin, "Baldy", retired from Collins Radio in 1990 after 35 years of employment. He started at Collins after graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1955. A fellow student, Jerry, received his "ticket", W0MVP, in the fall of 1952 and then Baldy, with a friend, took the Novice and Technician tests the day after Thanksgiving in 1952. Baldy received the call, W00FY, in May of 1953. His friend got W00FZ and is now an SK. It took 5 months for the FCC to get our licenses out. Jerry, W0MVP; Gail, W00FZ; and Baldy got on the 220mhz band by building receive converters and transmitters. There was no equipment to buy in those days. Next came 2 meters and then 6 meters was made available to the Technician class license. He operated 6 meters mobile from 1954 to 1960 from both Minneapolis and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Ham radio activities were put on the lower burner from 1960 to 1990 with work, family and antique automobile activities. He upgraded to Extra class in 1991 by passing the 20 wpm code, Advanced and Extra written exams.

He joined the QCWA via AI, W0PEX (SK), in 1991. He is now net control of Chapter 8, "Chapters on the Air". He is a member of both Chapter 8 (MN) and 123 (IA). He has been to Dayton for the last 12 years with his son, Frank, N0SFF, and plans to go many more times.



**Howard Cunningham, Jr., WD5DBC**  
**DIRECTOR - NEW CANDIDATE**

I am a member of the Vic Clark Chapter, Chapter 91, of the QCWA. I was first licensed as WD5DBC in 1976 in Arlington, Texas while attending the University of Texas at Arlington. I have been or am a current member of the Dallas Amateur Radio Club, Arlington Amateur Radio Club, Northern Virginia FM Association (NVFMA), Vienna Wireless Club, National Capital ARES Council, and the Amateur Radio

Research and Development Corp. (AMRAD). I am a Life Member of the ARRL as well as an ARRL and W5YI VE. I am active in ARES and have been an Emergency Coordinator and am currently a District Emergency Coordinator. My ARES activities have led to my being the Vice-Chairman of the Fairfax County Citizen's Corp Council. I have experience on amateur radio boards of directors as a former member of the board for AMRAD and a current member of the board of the NVFMA. I am active on many bands from 80 meters to 1.2 GHz.



**Val Erwin, W5PUT**  
**DIRECTOR - INCUMBENT**

Val is a current member of the QCWA Board of Directors.

Discovering ham radio with a "green-eyed" Philco radio in Colorado, he became licensed in 1959 as KNOYCJ, becoming KOYCJ.

College recruitment by Texas Instruments resulted in a move to Texas and a new call, W5PUT.

Moving to Collins Radio Company, he remained for 13 years. Later, while working at Xerox Corporation, he formed/sold two companies: Erwin Communications and RF Consultants Inc. Departing Xerox in 1983, he founded International Compliance Corporation (ICC), offering engineering services. ICC was sold in 1998.

Semi-retired, Val continues engineering consultation through his firm, Summit Associates, Inc. He and his wife are avid ballroom-type dancers. A 20+-year collector of telegraph straight-keys, he attends 15-20 hamfests/year performing QCWA functions and pursuing that elusive rare key. An automobile enthusiast, Val enjoys driving his Shelby Mustang on weekends.

#### Affiliations:

QCWA Life Member/Dallas Chapter 41 QCWA (former President)/Oklahoma Chapter 63 QCWA/Ft. Worth Chapter 72 QCWA/ARRL Life Member/OOTC/Dallas Amateur Radio Club Life Member/National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers (NARTE)/IEEE, EMC Society

#### Licenses/Certificates:

FCC General Radio Telephone License with Radar Endorsement (former First Phone)/NARTE-Certified EMC Engineer/FCC Amateur Radio License, Extra Class/FAA Private Pilot



**Frank Harris, WA4PAM**  
**TREASURER**

I was first licensed in 1976 as a Novice and now hold a General Class License. Since 1976 I have been active in four amateur radio clubs, in four different states, and helped organize one of the clubs.

With forty years of banking experience, including an extensive background in investments, I can assist QCWA in making sound choices in investing the Organization's money. I am looking forward to

serving another term as Treasurer of QCWA.



**Carolyn Harrison, WB0OUM**  
**DIRECTOR - INCUMBENT**

I've been an amateur radio operator since 1975 with an Advanced license. I am a Life Member of QCWA. With my husband Gary, K0BC, and local hams, I helped build the Bolivar, MO repeater and participated in starting the local radio club. I'm Vice-President of QCWW Chapter 120 and an officer of Foothills of the Ozarks Chapter 180.

For 10 years, I was President of Polk County Christian Social Ministries, a local charity serving over 1,250 people a year and distributing Christmas baskets of food and gifts to 450 families annually. I have served in leadership positions in my Church. I have been a communications volunteer for the local MS 150 Bike Marathon.

I think one of my strong character points is that I can work for the best interests of an organization, laying aside my own personal opinions when



## 2008 BOARD CANDIDATES

necessary. I have enjoyed making acquaintances at several QCWA chapter meetings as well as Conventions and I am looking forward to making more friends in the future.

Currently, it's my privilege to serve as a Director of QCWA where one of my responsibilities is Chair of the Chapter Relations Standing Committee.



**R. S. "Tony" Hirsch, W8RSH**  
**DIRECTOR - INCUMBENT**

Tony has been a member of the QCWA Finance Committee and served as its Chairman 2002-2004. A ham first licensed in 1955, and a pilot since 1959, Tony is a financial consultant for municipal governments and small businesses in Columbus, Ohio after serving as President of a \$325 Million bank-owned leasing company. Tony founded his company, Cambridge Financials, in 1983 and placed it in trust

while serving as lease company President.

Tony has participated in MARS, emergency communications for Red Cross, ARES, state and national CAP. He is active in Air Force AIS investigations, airline and general aviation crash investigations and has been an aviation insurance risk manager for over 35 years. He is a CFI with single, multi, instrument and jet aircraft type ratings, and has logged over 4,800 total flight hours. Tony founded the International Aviation Theft Bureau and was a member of several FAA task force committees including the National Airspace Review, and served on the NBAA Airspace and Air Traffic Control committee.



**Pierre Mainville, VA3PM**  
**DIRECTOR - NEW CANDIDATE**

Born and raised in the Province of Quebec, joined the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1958 and retired from that organization in July 1995. During his tenure with the railway industry he worked in several cities in the province of Quebec and Ontario including Ottawa, Montreal and finally Toronto. In 1979 moved his family to Brampton and considers it home ever since. Currently working part time for Radioworld Inc.

Pierre has been very active as an Amateur since 1979, chasing a little DX and contesting. His main operating interest has always been related with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the National Traffic System (NTS). He held the Assistant Emergency Coordinator position for the Peel region from 1979 until appointed the Emergency Coordinator in 1986, when appointed Section Emergency Coordinator for the Ontario Section. He held this position until appointed as RAC Field Services Manager in 1996. At the 2000 RAC Board of Directors' meeting, this position was renamed to Vice President Field Services and remained on this position until December 31, 2005. Pierre is a long-time participant on the NTS nets and acts as NCS and ORS on a regular schedule.

In addition to his interest in the Field Organization, Pierre held the position of CARF Ontario Director during the year 1986/1987 and has been a delegated, now accredited, examiner since 1990.

He has been a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada and both predecessor national organizations (CARF & CRRL) consistently since becoming a licensed amateur and is willing to give something back to the hobby he has enjoyed for many years.

Pierre is a Life Member of QCWA and a current member of ARRL, RAC, QCWA chapter 73 and 151 and also a member of PARC and HARC.



**Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO**  
**DIRECTOR - INCUMBENT**

I was the QCWA Chairman for the 2001 and 2005 Annual Convention, a two-term President of Chapter 162 and have submitted several articles along with the quarterly Chapter report to our Journal. First Licensed in 1963, I am a Life Member of QCWA #22155, a member of ARRL and have served in the leadership position of a major repeater group and local radio club in Southeastern Wisconsin.

I was a Career Counselor retired from the transportation industry and later the military. I hold a Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee in Educational Psychology. I am an instructor with several of our local Amateur Radio licensing classes and very active within the area ARES group. A current highlight involved hosting a six-week communication course for the seventh grade students (all 27 of them) at a specialty middle school (all students are at Risk). Eight of the youngsters wanted to set up a licensing class (currently taking place) with a future goal of having a Ham Club in their school.

As a retiree, I try to engage in as much community volunteer adventures as time permits. I am very much a people person who gratefully enjoys working with other folks in problem-solving tasks and quality of life issues.

I appreciate the opportunity to present myself to you as a candidate and always look toward enhancing the Quarter Century Wireless Association at every occasion.



**William Pasternak, WA6ITF**  
**DIRECTOR - INCUMBENT**

Bill is the Producer/Writer of the weekly Amateur Radio ARNewsline bulletin service. Bill co-founded Newsline as the Westlink Radio Network in 1976.

First licensed in 1959 as WA2HVK, he has written two best-selling technical books, authored the "Looking West" column for 73 Magazine for 22 years; writes the VHF, FM and Repeater Column for Worldradio Magazine; has written countless articles in

Amateur Radio, hobby electronics and broadcast related periodicals; produced and/or directed most ham radio films and video's released by ARRL or AMSAT since 1974 and originated the "Young Ham of the Year" award program in 1986.

He is a member of ARRL, QCWA and the Radio Club of America. He has received numerous awards for contributions to the betterment of the Amateur Radio Service. These include the DARA Special Achievement Award (1981), ARRL Southwestern Division Meritorious Service Award (1988), DARA Radio Amateur of the Year (1989), AMSAT Outstanding Contributions Award (1990) and ARRL National Certificate of Merit (1995).

Bill is a Broadcast Engineer with award winning KTTV-Fox News. He is a Broadcast Consultant in design and installation of digital and analog television post production facilities, an independent educational/industrial film and video producer and writer. His programs have won several major awards, the New York State Film Festival (1986/1987 competition) and the Chicago International Film Festival (2002/2003 competition). He is an EMMY Award recipient for his contributions to a "Regularly Scheduled Television News Program" (1984).



**Joan Powell, VE3ZC**  
**DIRECTOR – NEW CANDIDATE**

At an early age, Joan was learning the alphabet from her Father's QSL cards. Thus began her interest in radio!

While studying for her commercial license on the east coast of Canada and thinking about ship-to-shore adventures, she realized she didn't fulfill the age requirement. Radio station CFBC approached her to become a member of their technical staff. Later that experience led to a position at CFRB, a 50,000 watt station in Toronto, from whence all programs for the CBS network originating in Canada were also transmitted. Its short-wave affiliate station was CFRX. In addition, advertising agency experience in radio, TV and print has added to her extensive background.

Since obtaining her Amateur Radio license in 1972, Joan has held many executive positions in Amateur Radio groups in both Toronto and Ottawa including that of a former President of the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation (CARF), Canada's National Amateur Radio body at the time. More recently she has been active in the planning process of QCWA International Conventions.

Joan would like the opportunity to assist in the guidance of QCWA and the future of our hobby – Amateur radio! If elected Director, Joan looks forward to working with the new Board, with the objective of enhancing our already elite organization.



**Ken Simpson, W8EK**  
**DIRECTOR – NEW CANDIDATE**

Ken Simpson was first licensed as WN8ETX in 1962, and soon became WA8ETX. A couple years later he passed his extra class and became W8EK. Ken is President of Ocala, Florida, Chapter 62 of QCWA, and a member of several other chapters. He is also President of the Friendship Amateur Radio Club in Ocala. While in Ohio, he served as ARRL Assistant

Director, Assistant SCM, and other leadership positions. He holds several hundred ham operating awards, plus an award from the Ohio House of Representatives for his work on the Eye Emergency Network. He is retired from teaching Electronics at Stark State College of Technology. He is a very active life member of QCWA. Recently, he was awarded the "President's Award" by John Johnston, is on the Chapter Relations Committee, has "flown the QCWA Banner" at over a dozen hamfests all over the country, and made presentations at many different QCWA Chapters.



**Ernie Swenson, WB6VVA**  
**DIRECTOR – NEW CANDIDATE**

When asked to accept the nomination for QCWA Director, I didn't have to think twice. I saw this as another opportunity to "give back" to an organization and hobby that I have very strong ties to. Being a licensed ham for over 40 years probably puts me in the "new blood" category of our esteemed organization. I hold Life Memberships in QCWA, the Yankee Chapter (Central/Eastern Massachusetts) and Twin

State Chapter (Vermont/New Hampshire). Other memberships include ARRL and FISTS. As my call sign implies, I am not a native of the New England area. My profession is Electrical Engineering and I have spent over 30 years in Defense Electronics. My work has taken me from my beginnings in Southern California to the great Northwest and finally to New England where I

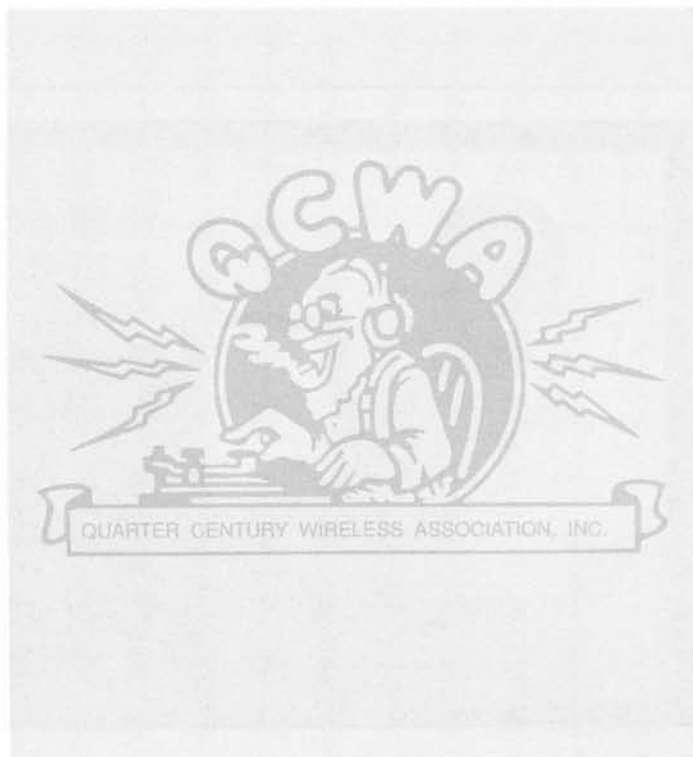
am currently a Director of Systems Engineering at Raytheon's Integrated Defense Systems. As a Director of QCWA, besides working to increase our Organization's presence at national and regional ham conventions and ham-fests, I would focus on two areas that I think are important for the longevity and health of our hobby and organization. First, I would work to enable QCWA chapters to provide Elmers to new hams. Second, if elected, I would help as many chapters as possible to establish goals that each can "call their own". An excellent example of this is Boulder Amateur Radio Club's youth program presented at this year's national convention in Denver – an excellent program that could be jointly sponsored and supported by a local radio club and QCWA chapter.



**Edward Yoder, W3YMB**  
**DIRECTOR – INCUMBENT**

I would like to be considered for re-election to the QCWA Board of Directors. Being on the Board now as the most senior member in longevity has given me the background and experience as to the policies, functions, duties and requirements for fulfilling the scope of effort expected of a Board member. I am a Life Member of QCWA and ARRL and am a member of the US Navy Radioman Association. I hold the FCC

First Class Radio Telephone Operator License with the Ship Radar endorsement (now a General certificate). I am an attorney at law, National Parliamentarian of the U.S. Submarine Veterans Association and former President of Murrysville, PA city council and also former President of the Westmoreland County, PA Boroughs Association. In Amateur Radio, I hold awards for DXCC, WAC, WAZ and WAS. And in QCWA, I attend all Board and Annual meetings and currently serve on the Administration Committee as Vice-Chairman and QCWA Parliamentarian. My legal background as an attorney at law and serving in an elected legislative position allows me to provide detailed input to deliberations of our Board and the general membership of QCWA. In summary, I would like to continue to do all I can to further the goals of QCWA and serve the best interests of our great Organization.





# 2008 BALLOT ALERT!!

## Watch for Constitutional Amendment on Election Ballot

When the 1947-48 Constitution came into being the members were local New York gentlemen who laid an excellent foundation for QCWA membership that has grown to become an international member association. Sixty years later, the present QCWA members are at a point where we have within our grasp the foresight and voting power to move the association forward into new territory that can yield good results for QCWA's future.

The QCWA Board of Directors (BoD) has unanimously approved a motion for a Constitutional Amendment to be on the 2008 Ballot that would allow opening up the full 365-day year to the possibility of an annual meeting for the members. The effective date of the motion would be September 1, 2008, the same date that the newly elected Officers and Directors take office.

Currently, we are bound by Article IV Section 1 of the QCWA Constitution that states, "The Association shall hold an annual meeting during the second half of the each year at a time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors." Thus, as currently written, the Constitution prevents having an annual meeting anytime except during the last 6 months of the year.

Therefore, any attempt to hold the annual meeting at any major hamfest or amateur radio attraction in January through June, even though many QCWA members would be in attendance, **WOULD NOT COMPLY WITH** our **CURRENT** Constitution because it's the **WRONG HALF** of the year!!

Therefore, you as a QCWA member, in approving this proposed Constitutional Amendment have a wonderful opportunity of opening up many possibilities to the QCWA membership. Accordingly, the Officers, Directors, and GM of the QCWA solicit and encourage your vote in favor of amending Article IV Section 1 of the current Constitution to read:

"The Association shall hold an annual meeting at a time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors."

It has been determined that there is **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING** negative about the proposed amendment as it will be opening up the potential for **ALSO** using the "other" first half of the year to QCWA's benefit. Why limit ourselves to holding annual meetings in the second half of the year when 365 days are waiting for our use!!!

Your vote on the ballot in favor of this change is encouraged and appreciated.

*Prepared by: The Chapter Relations Standing Committee*



### **Bob Roske, N0UF, receives QCWA Distinguished Service Award for 2007!**

*QCWA Webmaster Bob Roske, N0UF (on the left) receiving the QCWA Distinguished Service Award for 2007 from QCWA Director Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO at a Chapter 8 luncheon in ST Paul, MN. Bob was selected for this honor as a testament to: "His years of faithful maintenance of the QCWA Web Site", a task Bob has handled with extreme efficiency since September of 2002. Thanks Bob for the wealth of QCWA information you have made available to us at [www.qcwa.org](http://www.qcwa.org).*

# QCWA Publicity Committee

By Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, QCWA Director



QCWA's Board of Directors has established a Publicity Committee to inform Amateurs of the advantages and enjoyment of membership in the International QCWA. To promote the idea that knowledgeable experience is available to Amateurs from QCWA members and to further

the promotion of Amateur Radio to the general public, are among the objectives of this Committee.

Some avenues by which this may be accomplished include columns in more Amateur Radio publications, submitting news articles to community magazines and newspapers, items of interest to Amateur Radio nets, by use of programming on local radio and TV stations with a group of QCWA members discussing and demonstrating how Amateur Radio is used during emergency situations in the absence of normal communications.

Currently, the Committee has two working members, myself as the chair; Joan Powell, VE3ZC, a knowledgeable person in the field of communication and publicity; plus three advisors: Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD, QCWA's General Manager; Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, QCWA Director; and Alan Pickering, KJ9N, Past QCWA Secretary. Should you have an interest in joining our team or would like further details, please drop me an email to: wa9jmo@wi.net; a telephone call to 262-639-7327; and/or a letter by regular postal service to: Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, 5400 Six Mile Road, Racine, WI, 53402-9741.

Your input is important! Tell us your thoughts, ideas, concerns or issues you may have with any facet of QCWA. By using The Journal, the reflector, and possibly a section on the QCWA website, we can engage in some timely two-way dialogue that will hopefully benefit all of us in the QCWA family.

The feasibility of producing a QCWA DVD for use at Chapter presentations or to other non-QCWA radio clubs, and at local area swapfests has been discussed. It would highlight QCWA activities, conventions, recruitment ideas, current QCWA awards, listings of available certificates, and the overall growth and expansion of QCWA. In addition, QCWA Headquarters has a "care package" of material that may be displayed as we fly the banner at local hamfests or other radio functions during the year.

Any comments would be much appreciated. We are plowing new ground here and will be looking for direction as we go to further enhance QCWA and its image!

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# Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the QCWA Board of Directors

October 4, 2007, Doubletree Hotel, Denver, CO

President Johnston welcomed the candidates for the Board of Directors: Joan Powell, VE3ZC; Ken Simpson, W8EK; and Skip Swenson, WB6VVA; each of whom gave a brief comment.

President Johnston asked for a moment of silence to remember all the Silent Keys.

Secretary Supina called the roll. All Executives and Directors were present with the exception of Director Pasternak who came later.

The minutes of the 2006 Board of Directors meeting was approved as submitted previously by e-mail.

## Reports:

### 1. President Johnston

- Discussed duties of President.
- Encouraged Directors to write a column for the Journal.
- Mentioned this is last year in his term as President.

### 2. Vice President Nathanson

- Journal could be enhanced by Directors stating what attracted them to amateur radio & QCWA.

### 3. Treasurer Harris & Finance Committee Chair Hirsch

- Sent \$1000 check to Chapter 119 as a loan to assist in arranging the 2008 Convention.
- Investments are doing well; net asset value increased \$59,971.66 with the endowment fund increasing \$1,743.98, corporate decreasing \$4,676.85 and the Scholarship Fund increasing \$62,904.53.
- Scholarship Fund pays out about \$18,000 each year with \$19,000 being paid for this year. Cumulatively, the payments have been approximately \$275,000.

### 4. Secretary Supina

- The Directors Guide, List of Motions and SAIL items have been updated continuously.

### 5. General Manager Walbridge

- Requested approval for sending a check from the Scholarship Fund to the administrators in the amount of \$19,700. This was approved by the BoD.
- QCWA membership is approximately 7000.

### 6. Administration Committee Chair Oelke

- Concluded that election ballots should not be included in Journal.
- Requested BoD to approve extension of GM contract for 5 years, and Editor for 1 year. This was approved by a BoD vote.

### 7. Chapter Relations (USA) Chair Harrison

- Two awards had been approved: Bob Heil, K9EID, for the Hall of Fame Award; and Ham Hicks, KB4X, for the Roll of Honor.
- The Sixty-Sixty Certificate was shown and admired by the BoD.

### 8. External Relations (Canada) Co-Chair Oelke

- There are 3 chapters in Canada.
- Attempt is being made to organize another chapter in Ontario.

### 9. External Relations Chair Erwin

- Reviewed handout listing hamfests QCWA should be attending.
- Recommended that Skip Amis, N5CFM, be given a special Sixty-Sixty Award because of his efforts to promote the Sixty-Sixty QCWA event. A motion approving this was passed.

## 10. Publications Chair Baldwin

- The Journal cost/member/issue \$1.81; 6,670 copies per issue of Journal mailed.
- Advertising-wrote to 7 companies and received no reply. Made one personal contact with positive results.
- Journal on tape to blind members. Recipients receive only Chapter reports of interest to at least one blind member.

## Unfinished Business

Updating of Sail Items: CR #18 Chapter manual and CR #19 convention manual.

## New Business

- Discussed adding donation line to membership application.
- BoD members send suggestions for QRZ.com news column to Publicity Committee Chair McCalvy.

## 2008 Meeting

Vic Culver, Chair of the meeting to be held in Virginia Beach, briefly discussed the coming meeting and passed out brochures to be reviewed by the BoD.

## Motions made at meeting

- Director Hirsch moved that QCWA send check for \$19,700 to fund the scholarships this year. Motion was seconded by Director McCalvy and approved unanimously.
- Director McCalvy moved to increase the QCWA credit card limit to \$10,000; this was seconded by Director Erwin. Motion was defeated.
- Motion was made by Director McCalvy and seconded by VP Nathanson to renew the GM's contract for 5 years and the Editor's contract for 1 year. Motion passed unanimously.
- A further motion was made by Director McCalvy and seconded by Director Yoder to send letters of contract renewal to the GM and Editor advising them of the renewal. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Treasurer Harris and seconded by Director Hirsch to write off the \$700 debt owed to QCWA. The motion was amended by Treasurer Harris and seconded by Secretary Supina, each of whom offered to make a \$700 donation to the Endowment Fund. There was a roll call vote on the amendment and the motion. Both passed by the same six to five vote with Director Pasternak not present. Voting Aye were Treasurer Harris, Secretary Supina, Directors Baldwin, Harrison, Hirsch and McCalvy. Voting Nay were President Johnston, Vice President Nathanson, Directors Erwin, Oelke and Yoder.
- Director Erwin moved to provide member Skip Amis, N5CFM, with a Special Sixty-Sixty Award in recognition of his efforts in promoting the Sixty-Sixty event. The motion was approved without opposition.
- A Board resolution to be presented to the Chair of the 2007 Denver Convention meeting was read by Director Harrison. Director McCalvy moved to approve and Treasurer Harris seconded and the motion was approved.
- Director McCalvy moved that QCWA sponsor an informational seminar at the 2009 Dayton Hamvention. The motion was seconded by Director Pasternak and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm.



# The Rules Say...

# Q&A

John B. Johnston, W3BE, 17701 Bowie Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855-1608

## What Can I Do?

**Q. I call "CQ" for hours, but no one will respond. What can I do to get some hams to QSO with me?**

**A.** Next question?

**Q. What is in the future for ham radio operator license classes?**

**A.** Obviously, it will be the No-Nothing Operator Class. The requirement will be a 10-question self-administered test for which the examinee must score zero.

**Q. What are the two principal types of ham operators?**

**A.** There are those hams who divide things into two principle types and those who don't. Naturally, there needs to be someone to coordinate them: possibly a part-time volunteer planner and an evaluator; maybe an expeditor or two and a coordination team. A quality assurance group is an absolute must.

There also must be a procurement division to oversee the critical outsourcing of the delicate liaison coordination advisory consulting, along with an augmented full service corporate jet executive travel and entertainment bureau. We'll need an expanded personnel department to locate a highly placed unnamed source for leak management and spin doctoring. An extensive search will be necessary to acquire a clueless CEO to front for us and a hyper-energetic sales staff before our initial public offering.

Err, what was your question, again?

**Q. I own twelve VHF/UHF and eight HF transceivers. I sometimes feel, however, like they own me. What is the ideal number of radios for a ham to own?**

**A.** Somewhere between one and all of them. Keep in mind, however, our suppliers can probably import them faster than you can buy them up.

The maximum number of belt-clip transceivers, obviously, depends upon your belt size. The formula is:

$$N_t = B/4$$

Where  $N_t$  is the number of transceivers and  $B$  is your belt length in inches. If you have too many transceivers for your current belt size, simply take all of your meals at fast-food restaurants. An auxiliary trouser support system (suspenders) may be required.

The ideal number of transceivers at your QTH is the maximum tolerated by your spouse. You can help yourself with this issue: Condition him or her to accept the fact that the purchase price of any transceiver is \$39.95. Otherwise, you will have to sneak them into the house.

For your vehicle, the exact number of transceivers depends upon the space available for your rooftop/trunk lid antenna farm. A full-size van is the ideal vehicle for maximizing this capability. Install remote-head transceivers, otherwise your spouse will have to sit in the back seat or stay at home.

**Q. SOS! MAYDAY! Please help. I've just been elected president of our Chapter. What should I do?**

**A.** Don't panic! Take a deep breath and count to ten. Follow my advice and, with some luck, you may get through it alive.

Always be humble, at least until after the coronation. Enjoy the first month in your new position during which, by tradition, you are entitled to blame everything on the previous president. From then on, all of the blame goes directly to you - even for things that happened before your grandparents were born. Hams have very long memories about what was or wasn't done, but very fuzzy memories about who did or didn't do it.

Smile, mumble and shake hands a lot. Most importantly, however, do not be distracted by your new title. At all times, keep in mind that you are really not in charge of anything. Hams elect chapter presidents only to have someone to take the heat for those things over which no one has ever had under control and no one will ever have under control.

To prevent any possibility of re-election, dig your hole as deeply as possible. Surprise everyone by calling for a sweeping new program. Better yet, catch them off-guard by changing the name of the chapter. Try moving the meetings to different locations and times.

Use your position while in office to best advantage. First off, make certain that the chapter treasury will be financially strong by doubling the dues. For security reasons, move the club assets to a secret bank account offshore. Stake out a comfy QTH in a distant city where they can't find you. Have your getaway plan well rehearsed.



**Q.** I have cut up my transmission line into pieces about the square root of 2 divided by 2 lengths, although tears streaming from my eyes may have altered some of my cuts of the coax... it having served me well for 11 years at this QTH. I decided to wait to cut up the transmitter until I get the trenches dug. The soil is extremely rocky; some being in excess of 3 feet in diameter. It is becoming difficult getting to the depths you suggested for even 40 meters, let alone 75/80 meters. And besides that, my wife is getting extremely ticked off about me digging such big holes in the back yard. You know the old gripes... her yard, her lawn, her garden.

I need someone who can dig deep without much regard for the environment, and who won't be missed in case of a cave-in. Do you know of any good attorneys in the area that might be able to help in this matter?

**A.** "Good attorney" is a huge contradiction in terms. Your idea, however, is not new. Several major research laboratories have switched to using lawyers in their experiments. They are much more plentiful than rats and the laboratory technicians don't grow so attached to them.

**Q.** Regarding that issue of color-coded apparel, I feel that colors should be assigned in bands such as our resistor code does. My method would be much more noticeable at hamfests. It uses the brightest colors for the best achievements:

*Cap indicates your class of license held, since it is the most obvious piece of apparel, standing or sitting:*

Red: Extra  
Orange: Advanced  
Yellow: General  
Green: Tech Plus  
Blue: Tech  
Violet: Novice  
White: Reciprocal Alien

*Shirt/blouse indicates where your last test was taken:*

Brown: VE  
Red: FCC

*Pants/skirt indicates your code speed:*

Red: >20 WPM      Orange: 13 WPM  
Yellow: 5 WPM      Green: No Code

**Q.** Another color needs to be added to designate the 13 wpm Extra class. Some of us upgraded from Advanced (which required 13 wpm at the General level.) Because you have used all the colors, maybe a nice plaid pattern would work (except the face paint would be a challenge.)

**A.** That nice tartan green-blue plaid of the Scottish Johnston clan would be nice.

**Q.** I hold Bachelor and Master Degrees in Education. Yet, I found the Technician Operator Class exam to be the hardest thing that I have ever had to do. How am I ever going to move up to General?

**A.** Just memorize the answers to some more trivialized questions. Start with these:

*TQ1. What is the correct spelling of the word "amateur?"*

- A. amature
- B. amatuer
- C. amateur
- D. amuater

Draw a line under choice C. It looks something like an "O" with a gap on the right side. Remember that "amateur" has a "mate" in the middle.

Although all of the choices are widely used by hams, "amatuer" and "amature" appear to be the most popular. "Amuater" is used by those who are the most anxious to show us that they know there is the letter "u" in there somewhere. So they move it forward a couple of positions to make extra certain that we notice it.

*TQ2. What is the mathematical expression for Ohm's Law?*

- A.  $A+B=C$
- B.  $E=I \text{ times } R$
- C. X marks the spot
- D.  $O=H/M$

Do not waste your time memorizing such drivel. When in doubt, choose B. Stick with the important issue: Write a 100-word essay about E's feelings about its totally unfair binding relationship with I and R.

*TQ3. How much electrical power is dissipated in a 10 ohm resistor carrying 1 ampere of current?*

- A. 1 watt
- B. 100 watts
- C. none
- D. 10 watts

Have your personal trainer crunch the numbers while you write an environmental impact statement about the effect of the resistor's dissipated power upon global warming. (Hint: The answer is 10 watts. That's choice D – the last one on the list, following C.)

**Q.** What are the top ten excuses for not complying with our FCC rules for our amateur radio service?

**A.** Here they are:

10. No one will ever notice.
9. Those rules do not work in the system that I use.
8. An (unnamed) FCC employee told me that what I am doing is OK.
7. FCC Part 95D (CB) is much easier to follow than Part 97.
6. Those old CW and phone rules don't fit in well with what I want to do.
5. A lot of hams are doing it my way and no FCC inspectors are knocking on their doors.

4. It is all the fault of the manufacturer of my rig.
3. As soon as more hams do it my way, the FCC will change its rules.
2. Everyone who knows the rules says that what I am doing is perfectly legal.
1. Rules? What rules? Nobody told me about no stinking rules!

#### APPRECIATION

Thanks to everyone who submitted suggestions for plug-in upgrades for the YO0000 amateur station control operator robot kit. One idea would enable your robot to think up novel ways to encourage more hams to violate our rules. Another would enable your robot to write down even sillier questions for our dumbed-down examination Technician question pool.

The suggested plug-ins, however, will probably not undergo development. Market research indicates that amazing progress is being made by several individuals and organizations already engaged in the all-out race to achieve these goals.

*Note: Our regular red-clad clueless executive columnist, W3BE, will return next issue with the answers to your questions about our FCC rules.*

Send them to: john@johnston.net.

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## W1DKT, W3NNA, Manny Botelho, 75 years Ham Radio!

By Gerd Schrick, WB8IFM

After the Stock Market crash in 1929, the 1930s were hard times for the country and the world. Manuel (known as Manny to his friends) had finished high school in his hometown of Fall River, MA and went for one year to the RCA Institute in Boston to learn radio communications. Radio was the new and big thing in those days and Manny took the commercial radiotelegraph and the ham radio test in one session. He started looking for jobs in communications but for two years could only find temporary employment.



But then his luck changed. Recently married, Manny was surprised to receive an offer from the then Radio Intelligence Division (part of the FCC). This division later became the Foreign Broadcast Information Service and eventually the CIA. Seems like they could use his Portuguese /

Spanish language ability. Manuel's parents were immigrants from the Azores, which are part of Portugal, and he was brought up bilingual. Knowing Morse code and radio communication, of course, gave Manuel the perfect background for the job.

The first QSO Manny remembers, still living with his parents in Fall River, Mass, and a brand new license: W1DKT was with a kid in Connecticut. He had built his own receiver and transmitter and was using a long wire antenna.



We asked whether his TX was a spark type, Manny laughed, "No", he said "I was just too late for that, spark had been outlawed a year before, in 1931!" He later proceeded to get on AM and eventually SSB and split his activity about evenly between Morse and voice.

In the turbulent years of WW-2 he spent time as

the radio operator on a liberty ship, delivering supplies for the allied invasion.

Incidentally, the ship he was on, the George Hawley, was torpedoed on a later run.

In his line of work he was sent overseas a few times. He spent a total of 4 years on Okinawa, where his second daughter was born. There he used the call KR6OB.

Settling in Maryland he got his present call: W3NNA in 1947. His main enjoyment in ham radio comes from DX and communicating with hams in other countries. For many years he was running a schedule with a friend in Brazil. His most memorable QSO is one in the 1980s with father Moran in Katmandu. He is not a "contest man" but likes the

rag chew type of QSO. After retirement he kept in touch with a group of 20 hams from work. Sadly, all but two of those became silent keys. One sad thing of getting older is, to see all your good friends pass away.

Naturally Manny belongs to the Old Old Timers Club but is particularly proud of being a life member of the Society of

Wireless Pioneers.

Moving to Dayton Ohio his second daughter is presently lovingly taking care of Manny and his ailing wife. The first daughter was tragically lost in an automobile accident. Her three sons, however, have already provided him with so many great grandchildren that Manny had difficulty coming up with the exact number. He counted up to 14. Living in an apartment with strict regulations, Manny, now 92 years old, has plans to string an antenna soon, if only indoors, to reconnect to his old love of ham radio.



## Herb Who?

### Eminent NC Herb Gleed, W6FQ (SK) Chapter 7

"Herb who?" asked many checkins on the Sunday SSB Net. In 1978, Herb, W6FQ, recent 2007 SK, was NCS on the Sunday 21445 kHz SSB Net, at 2100 UTC. NCS was shared by Milt Schwartz, W2SF and Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF. You may recall Ralph's photo on the cover of the spring 2007 issue, celebrating his 100th birthday.

By Spring 1989, the Sunday SSB Net moved to 14347 kHz at 2000 GMT, with Herb as nationwide NCS. He was a professional: covering national checkins, chasing frequency squatters, linear amplifier harassment. He managed an orderly net to the extent of rejecting QCWA applicants not yet accepted as members!

After many years as NCS, rarely having a substitute, illness forced Herb to retire, deeply saddened.

I met Herb at the QCWA Convention in Baton Rouge, LA, in 1989. He was very smartly dressed, with grey thinning hair and a neatly trimmed moustache. Farewell to Herb, a highly respected, top notch operator.

Submitted by Paul, W3QPP



# CHAPTER REPORTS

*Chapter Reports are a very important part of the Journal. We would like to see regular reports from all Chapters. If your Chapter is not represented on these pages, please ask your Secretary to file a special report for the Journal. Please send the reports to Chuck Walbridge, General Manager, to arrive **NO LATER** than the following dates: January 1 for Spring, April 1 for Summer, July 1 for Fall and October 1 for Winter.*

**ATTENTION! QCWA Chapter Report Guidelines:** All Chapter reports will need to follow these limits set by the Publications Standing Committee: **500 words and two photos maximum**. When taking photos, group together those receiving awards rather than individual photos. Those can always be posted on a Chapter webpage. When a Chapter report is submitted, please include the Chapter number in the title and with any photos submitted. Preferred formats for reports are: Word (.doc), rtf or plain text.

## Chapter 1, Cleveland (OH)

The digital age was the focus of the Cleveland Chapter's January meeting, with guest speaker Dave Kushman giving an update on High Definition TV. As television channels switch to digital from analog mode, more consumer electronics, as well as Amateur Radio gear, will reflect this trend.

A major 2008 membership drive is underway in the Chapter, with members seeking new QCWA members and affiliation with Cleveland Chapter One. Prizes will be awarded to top recruiters, plus special incentives to those who join us.

A feature on QsoNet appeared in the Chapter Newsletter, explaining that the computer-based system provides an alternative method of communication for those in condos or antenna-restricted areas.

We are saddened to report the passing of two Chapter members. Al "Rocky" Zimmerman, W8UYN, age 85, died on December 1; and Charles "Chick" Jackson, W8QXF, age 92, on October 15.

**D.E. "Dee" Logan, W1HEO**

## Chapter 2, Chicago Area (IL)

Annual Brunch Meeting Minutes Sunday, July 15, 2007 President Jim Quinn, K9JQ, opened the meeting at noon at Pappadeux Restaurant in Arlington Heights, Ill..

Those in attendance were: K9JQ, Jim and Mary Lou Quinn. W9MOL; Lee and Phyllis Knirko; Corinne Sher; Marilyn Foster; Lindsay Sher. W9LOB, Al and Lillian Mazure. KA9OBZ, Gary Schaefer and Marsha Erenberg; and Helen Mellman, XYL of SK W9TXT, Irv Mellman.

Jim Quinn welcomed the members and their guests who made self introductions. Helen brought a photo album which contained pictures of Irv's activities including boat building.

The restaurant served a fantastic array of Brunch items,



*Mary Lou, President, Jim Quinn, K9JQ; and Marilyn Foster.*

including juices, salads, waffles, pancakes, meat and potato dishes, fruits, desserts, etc. All agreed that the selections were unsurpassed.

After the meal, entertainment was provided by Songster, Marilyn Foster, who dedicated a solo to President, Jim Quinn, K9JQ, and wife, Mary Lou, who recently were on a cruise to the Caribbean in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Lee then passed out "Marilyn's Song Books" containing lyrics to the 17 songs for her sing-along program using a CD. Before leading the singing of "My Melody of Love", Marilyn rehearsed the audience in pronouncing the three lines in Polish. She observed that Al Mazure had marked as his favorite song "I Did It My Way" on his response form. She asked if he would like to sing it for us. She then passed out the lyrics and used a CD to lead the entire group in "I Did It My Way". The audience enthusiastically participated in all the songs and an enjoyable time was had by all.

**Lee Knirko, W9MOL, Acting Secretary**



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Chapter 6, Pittsburgh (PA)

Pittsburgh Chapter 6 had its quarterly and final meeting of 2007 on December 1. Following our reason to be of breaking bread and swapping stories, the meeting was called to order. We were pleased to have new members Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL; and Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI; join us for the first time. Welcome aboard Jacque and Ed! It was also noted that Bill Guthrie, W3LDB, was celebrating his 74th year of amateur radio service on December 1. Hats off to Bill for this noteworthy achievement.

QCWA Director and Chapter member Ed Yoder, W3YMB, gave an interesting slide presentation of his experiences in pre-revolutionary Iran. Ed and his family were posted in Tehran during the late 1970s, and Ed operated EP3EY under the watchful eye of the Iranian SAVAK (secret police). In addition to seeing a travelog of the Iranian infrastructure during the days of the Shah, Ed discussed the

changing political climate, and his family's eventual evacuation when the Shah was deposed. It was an interesting look at an area of the world not too many Americans can say they've been.

On a sad note, as we go to press we've learned of the death of Chapter 6 member Bill Fritz, W3LHN, following a prolonged illness. Bill was a "regular" at our meetings and on the Sunday morning net. He will be missed. Sleep well, OM.

Chapter 6 meets on a quarterly basis and interested amateurs can get details of chapter activities from Brian Roberts, K9VKY, directly, or by checking into the Sunday morning net at 0830 prevailing time on 147.03+. The net is hosted by Bruce Murray, N3GHI, and all are welcome.

*Brian Roberts, K9VKY, Chapter Scribe*

## Chapter 10, Michigan (MI)

April of 2008 marks the beginning of Chapter 10's 49th year. We have grown to a membership that has now reached 130 members. We are happy to announce our newest members as Gary L. Strauss, WB8BUW, of Orlando, FL, (formerly of Owosso, MI); Bryan P. Shumaker, WB8ISG, of Waterford, MI; Melvin R. Moore, NM8L, of Grayling, MI.; and K.G. Bullock, W8YDJ, of Toledo, OH. We extend to these new members a sincere welcome and look forward to many years of good fellowship and fun with them.

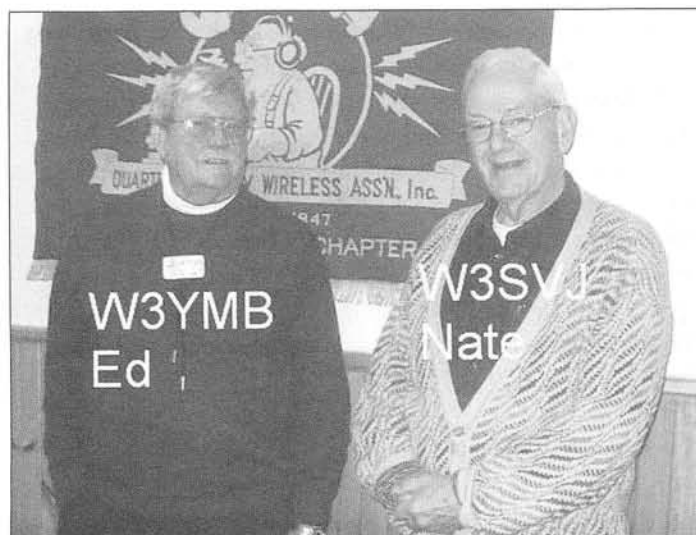
It is with deepest regret that we report the following Silent Keys from Chapter 10. Robert B. Waters, W8AXR, of Westland, MI went SK on September 24, 2007; & John A. Holm, W8NFR, of Dearborn, MI, went SK on November 17, 2007. We extend our sincere condolences to the families of these two SK members.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on May 03, 2008, in conjunction with the Wexauke Amateur Radio Club's swap and shop, which will begin at 8:00 AM until Noon at the Cadillac Junior High School, Cadillac, MI. Our thanks to this fine club for donating a table to QCWA, at no charge. Information for QCWA membership and tickets for the luncheon that precedes our annual meeting, will be available at our table. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Waterfront Restaurant in Cadillac, MI, beginning with a luncheon buffet at 12:30 PM, followed by our annual business meeting and presentation of QCWA Service Awards.

We are delighted to announce that Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, QCWA Director, from Racine, WI, will be our guest speaker and will make the QCWA Award presentations as well. Details of this event may be found on our Chapter 10 web page at the QCWA National website, which includes links to a handy road map for those of you that need directions. All QCWA members and their guests



*Chapter 6 Old Timers: Bill Guthrie, W3LDB; and George Kitazawa, NS3O; talk over the Good Old Days.*



*QCWA Director Ed Yoder, W3YMB; and Nate Firestone, W3SVJ; discuss Ed's slide presentation.*

are invited to attend this special event. Details of our 2008 QCWA award recipients, along with photos, will appear in the QCWA Journal, beginning with the Fall, 2008 issue, as well as being posted on our Chapter web page. So plan a "full day" of good fellowship, and attend both events.

We wish to thank Doug Almquist, WB8VOF, for his many contributions to our Chapter while serving as our Chapter 10 President. Doug remains a member of QCWA and Chapter 10, and faithfully serves as one of our net control stations on our Sunday morning ssb net. Thank you Doug for an outstanding job.

All QCWA members are cordially invited to our annual picnic, which will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at the Kenwood Park in Cadillac, MI. Please mark your calendars and look for details in the next issue of the Journal, our web page, or on our Sunday ssb net or cw net.

As winter slowly releases its grip and the warmer days of spring and summer make their grand entry, we would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy year ahead.

Have a safe Memorial Day weekend. Please take time to remember our dearly departed loved ones, Silent Keys, and especially our many Veterans, POWs, MIAs, and all of our Military members that have given so much to keep this, the greatest Nation in the world, safe and free.

2008 brings the QCWA election of Officers and Directors. Please, be sure to find out about the candidates, and VOTE. Your participation is essential to this fine Organization, so take the time to do your part, it is important to YOU.

Thanks to our General Manager, Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD, and his wife, Jan, for another great year of service. We also thank Doug Walbridge, Editor, of our QCWA Journal for an outstanding job too. So, thanks to the Walbridge family. You are deeply appreciated by all!

We invite all of you to join us on our ssb, and cw nets, listed in the "Chapters On The Air" page in this Journal.

**James F. Bishop, W8JFB, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Chapter 11, Northern California (CA)**

News item from QCWA Chapter 11 Northern California. Santa Claus swept through Redwood City, California, on December 25th and paid a surprise visit to several members of the local Chapter 11, Northern California group. He left brand new, excellent quality QCWA belt buckles in the brass and gold format for the following QCWA members: Terry Finn, AA6T; Al Montoya, WB6IMX; Stan Towle, WA6ZGI.

The recipients were extremely pleased and thankful that Santa had remembered them, although Stan admitted that he was only expecting another lump of coal this year.

Thank you, Santa, we'll be looking for you again next year.

**Terry Finn, AA6T, Chapter Scribe**

## **Chapter 12, Andy Clark (FL)**

Chapter members and guests enjoyed our December monthly meeting, Holiday Party and Election of Officers. Officers for 2008 are Harry Pilafian, W4SQG, President; Don Search, W3AZD, Vice-President; Art Rauch, W4VZ, Secretary; and Marion Rauch, WB4RFB, Treasurer. Our former President, Cliff Seale, W2MHF, became a silent key this month. We will miss him. A donation to the QCWA Scholarship Fund was made in his honor. Many thanks to Dr. Paul Mayer, W4ATF, for sponsoring our Holiday party. Chapter 12 meets monthly at Steak & Ale, 9090 SW 97 Ave, Kendall, Miami, FL on the third Saturday, 12 Noon. Visitors are always welcome.

**Art Rauch, W4VZ, Secretary**



*Chapter 12 members having a wonderful time at their meeting!*

## **Chapter 19, Missouri (MI)**

At our last monthly Chapter 19 luncheon, Vice Chairman Roger Volk, K0GOB, presented Ken Scott, W9VHL, his 50-Year Award. In photo, Ken is on the right. Congratulations Ken.

This year three of our members retired: Carlos Scheer, N5TN; John Germanos, WB9PNU; and Ken Scott, W9VHL. All look forward to enjoying our hobby.

Our Chapter will once again have a table at the Winterfest Hamfest, sponsored by the St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club. We have had good luck soliciting new members at this Hamfest in the past. It is the largest Hamfest in the Midwest.



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*Vice Chairman Roger Volk, K0G0B (left) presents Ken Scott, W9VHL (right) his 50-Year Award. Congratulations Ken!*

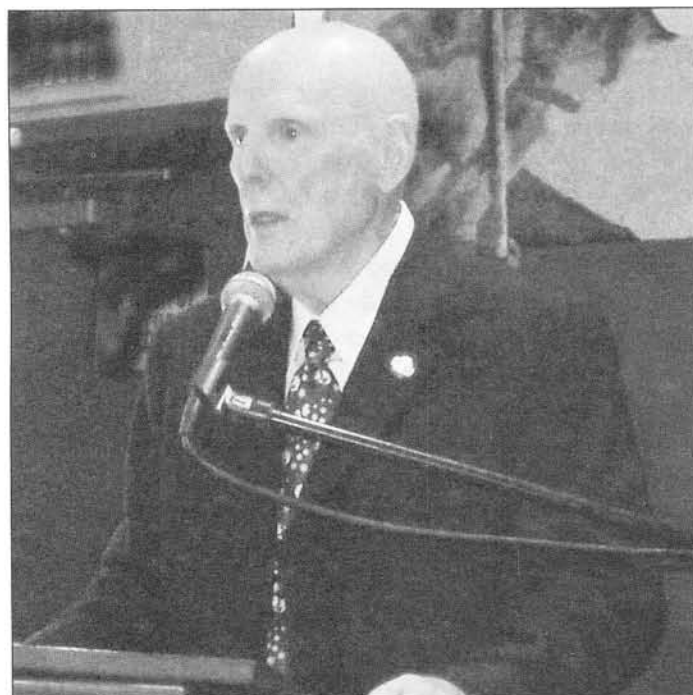
Our Chapter also participates in a weekly net. The net control is Ken Scott, W9VHL. This net meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm on two meters at 147.360 Mhz. If you are visiting the St. Louis area, please check in.

**John Germanos, WB9PNU, Secretary/Treasurer**

## Chapter 20, Chesapeake (MD)

Chapter Treasurer, Bruce Carpenter, W3YVV, received our 2007 Chapter Meritorious Service Award at our annual Holiday Banquet at Hellas Restaurant and Lounge in Millersville, MD. Re-elected were Chapter President, John B. Johnston, W3BE; Secretary & Newsletter Editor, Ken McKee, W3RFQ; and Treasurer Carpenter. President Johnston gave his PowerPoint presentation "All About QCWA". Everyone received a gift.

Four couples from our Chapter enjoyed the celebration



*President Johnston giving his PowerPoint presentation "All About QCWA".*



*Bruce, W3YVV, and Joan Carpenter; Marilyn and Ken McKee, W3RFQ. Standing: Nobi and George, W3MPN, Asaki; and John B. Johnston, W3BE. Betty Johnston, N3PKX, also attended.*

of the 60th Anniversary Annual Convention in Denver, CO.

In the Baltimore area, our 8:00 pm Thursday net meets on the 146.76 MHz repeater. Join us any Monday Noon for a great informal luncheon at Cactus Willies Steak Buffet and Bakery, 7315 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD. It is directly across from the Empire Towers. Your XYL is invited anytime, but especially on the first Monday of each month. To receive our Chapter Newsletter, send your e-mail address to KENMCKEE@aol.com or stop by our table at any area hamfest.

**Ken McKee, W3RFQ, Secretary**



*(l to r) W3RFQ, W3BE, K3JIS, W3YVV and N3PKX.*

## **Chapter 21, Canton (OH)**

Our annual meeting was held November 17, 2007 at Giorgio's Restaurant in Bolivar, Ohio. Nine members and ten guests were present. Chapter President, Nelson Caley, W8EAR, presided. Nelson noted that this has been a sad year for our Chapter in that we had four Silent Keys: Dave Glass, W8UKQ, our Secretary-Treasurer; Kay McCune, W8LNK; our Past President, Jack Bennett, W8WEN; and Lee Covert, KA8FTM. On a happier note we've welcomed two new members: Scott Mathews, W8JT; and Gary Osborn, WA8ADA. Election for one Director was held and Dennis Moriarty, W8AGB, was elected for a two-year term succeeding Phil Gizzi, W8IIV, whose term expired.

Our program was presented by Melissa Howard, who talked about Pegasus Farm, where riders escape their braces, crutches and wheelchairs, replacing them with the gentle gait of well-trained horses. Pegasus was founded in



*Stan, WA8NZE and Doris, WD8IKC Smith, and Phil, W8IIV and Vivian Gizzi, looking forward to lunch at Chapter 21 Annual Meeting.*



*Half the group gathered at Chapter 21 annual meeting at Giorgio's Restaurant.*

July 1985 to maximize the potential of persons with disabilities. Today 36 horses and ponies carry 190 riders aged from 3 to 73 to new levels of mobility and self-esteem.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held at noon at HomeTown Buffet, Canton, Ohio on Saturday, February 16, 2008.

*Judy McCune, N8AIM, Secretary*

## **Chapter 29, Finger Lakes (NY)**

Chapter 29 held its last meeting of 2007 on December 28th. Twenty-nine members and guests assembled at our usual meeting place, Weber's Restaurant on Danforth Street in Syracuse, NY. This was our largest meeting of the year and attendees were in a generous holiday spirit resulting in the addition of \$76 to our Treasury. Our Chapter supports itself with a 50/50 drawing at each meeting. The Chapter voted to make a \$250 contribution to the QCWA General Scholarship Fund.

On the operating front, several of our members hold an informal net on 3813 around 4 to 5 PM weekdays. N2AO tried to work the AWA 29 contest but his 45 Hartley didn't raise anybody (even an 00) on a pretty dead 80M band. President, WB2PEM, seems to be our contender. He worked the April QCWA contest, The "Blue Ridge Bonanza" — contacting 8 of 14 stations, the Ford Amateur Radio League "Tin Lizzy Club 50th Anniversary Weekend" and several of the "Route 66 On The Air" stations. Member K2UPI participates in AWA nets on 40M (7237, Sunday noon) and 75M (3837 AM, Sunday 4 PM). If you like old radios, check out these nets.

*Jack Roubie, K2JDD, Secretary*

## **Chapter 45, Citrus (FL)**

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we report the passing of Gerry Skinner, K4LVZ. Gerry was a long-time member of QCWA and of Chapter 45. He was a fine gentleman and a personal friend to many of us. Our sincere condolences go to his wife, Shirley, W4TQE, who is also a member of QCWA and Chapter 45.

Members and guests of Citrus Chapter enjoyed an informal luncheon/dinner meeting at a local restaurant on Sunday, December 9. The private room, food and service were so good that we expect to continue our quarterly meetings at this location. We were so pleased to have 27 members and guests at this luncheon. The Chapter holds one of these meetings quarterly to allow members who are still in the work force to attend a Chapter gathering. These informal luncheons have proved to be very popular and





(left to right) Frank Bashore, W1IBM, xyl RoseMarie Bashore; xyl Julie Zelich, Carl Zelich, AA4MI; and Bill Azar, N2WFL.

are well attended. This is in addition to our regular monthly meetings on a Wednesday.

The "State of the Chapter" report is excellent. Chapter 45 is enjoying a period of prosperity – our membership is growing and many of our members are actively pursuing our hobby; it would be too difficult to list all the individual accomplishments of some of our very active members, but it is happening and we are proud to be part of it.

The Chapter owns and operates an open repeater, W4PLA, operating on 147.195 MHz (no tone). Scheduled net is at 1930 hours local time on Tuesday of each week. All hams in the area are invited to check in.

At the time of this writing, the Holiday Season is upon us and many of us are busy celebrating, shopping and preparing for the wonderful times with our families and friends. Chapter 45 would like to wish all of our friends within the QCWA family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**AL LaPeter, W2AS, President**

## **Chapter 48, Treasure Coast (FL)**

2007 was quite a year for Chapter 48, The Treasure Coast Chapter. The highlight of the year was our tour of the Velocity Experimental Aircraft factory in Sebastian, FL. We gained two new members, Richard, AB4AZ, and Sandy, N4HSU. Sadly, we lost one of our long-time members, an all-around great guy, Jack, KO4TG. Bill, W3DHN, celebrated his 80th birthday with a big party, and Burt, W2JLO, celebrated his 90th birthday at one of our weekly luncheons (of course, Burt had a BIG chocolate cake).

Jack, K3CEW, was presented his 50-Year Award, by Chapter President, Joyce, K4EER, at Too Jays Restaurant in Vero Beach. Jack was first licensed at the age of 16 in PA.



Treasure Coast President, Joyce Anderson, K4EER, presenting Jack Novotny, K3CEW, with his 50-Year Award at the weekly luncheon in Vero Beach.

First transmitter was homebrew, and later did a lot of teletype. Jack and five other hams started the Foothills ARC in Greensburg, PA in 1958, which is still in existence today.

If you are in the Vero Beach, FL area, we have a luncheon ("luncheon", but if you don't get there by 10 am, you may not get a seat). We meet at the 2002 Restaurant on the Miracle Mile, usually 20 or so members, but when the "snowbirds" are here a, few more.

**Woody Anderson, K4EBK, Secretary**

## **Chapter 65, Niagara Frontier (NY)**

We proudly announce the following new members to the Niagara Frontier Chapter: Roy Lehner, WA2SON; Stephen Licht, WF2S; and Bob Schober, K2CRR. These are all very fine gentlemen and we enthusiastically welcome them. We look forward to many "future memories", fellas!

We had 20 in attendance at our Christmas Luncheon and "official" annual meeting. As expected, it proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all. We held our



Steve, W0LUB; Larry, WA2ARA; Marv, W2WKU; and Paul, WA2VTI getting their Length of Service Awards.



Some of the happy group at our XMAS 07 party!

traditional "Pulling of the Tickets" ritual, where everyone had a choice of wrapped presents from which to select. Also, Length of Service Awards were presented to Paul Bond, WA2VTI (50); Stephan Heider, W0LUB (55); and Marvin Hess, W2WKU (60).

I want to remind everyone to check the mailing label on your Journal. Useful information included on it is your Chapter number, your National Member Number, and the expiration date of your National dues.

We suggest that more of our members get back in the habit of wearing their Official QCWA Badges at our meetings. Don't have one? Well then, how about checking the inside back cover of your issue of this Journal for information on how to get one! It makes things a whole lot easier, especially for our newcomers, who can associate a name with a face. While, you're at it, check out the other goodies available.

We encourage all of our members to stay in "communication" with each other. We don't care how you do it, but

suggestions are the weekly net on 3900 kHz on Sundays at 1330 local time, the 147.430 simplex frequency, the 147.390 repeater that many of you already utilize, and by attending the luncheon each second Saturday of the month at noon at Brennan's Bowery Bar on Main Street at Transit in Williamsville, NY.

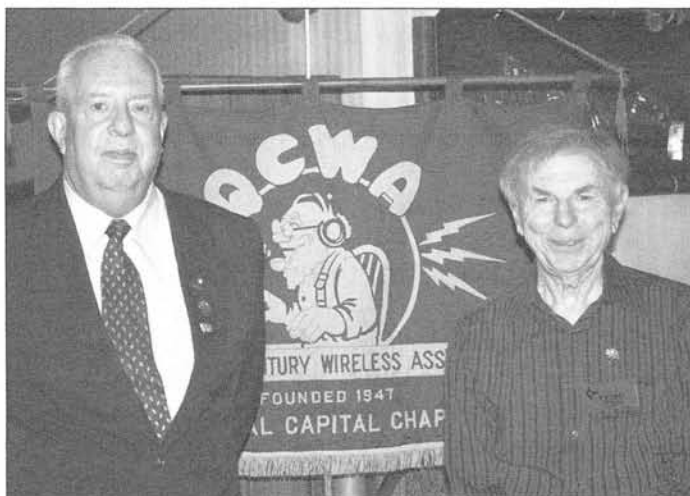
"Hammy" New Year to everyone!

**Larry Rybacki, WA2ARA, President/Secretary**

## **Chapter 70, National Capital (ON)**

Chapter 70 held its Annual General Meeting on 20 November with 40 members and four guests in attendance. In addition to welcoming everyone, President, Dave Parks, VE3AV, recognized Chapter 70 member, John (Jack) Belrose, Ph.D, VE2CV, who was recently awarded the Armstrong Medal by the Radio Club of America (<http://www.radioclubofamerica.org/>) for his important contributions to Radio Art and Science. Congratulations were extended to Jack by the members present.

In accordance with the Chapter Constitution, Past President Joe Parkinson, VE3JG, Chairman of the Chapter 70 Nominating Committee had obtained the agreement of the following members (proposed slate) to fill the vacant positions for the two-year term commencing 1 January 2008: Vice President, David Conn, VE3KL; Director, Richard Ferch, VE3IAY; Secretary, Ken Pulfer, VE3PU. As the Secretary did not receive any further nominations, Joe declared the nominations closed and moved that the proposed slate of Officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Marg Heaslip, VE3EQE, and approved by the members present. Also noted by Croft Taylor, VE3CT, a member of the Nominating Committee for the upcoming QCWA Inc elections, that Chapter mem-



Jim Dean (on the left), VE3IQ; and Ken Pulfer, VE3PU who gave the presentation on the World Radio Conference 2007.





*Doug Leach (on the left), VE3XK, receiving a QCWA Meritorious Award from Chapter 70 VP, Gus Holtz, VE3VK.*

ber Joan Powell, VE3ZC, was running for a Director position, and that Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, (also a member of Chapter 70) at present a Director, was running for Vice President. Croft encouraged everyone to vote in the QCWA Inc elections.

On behalf of the membership, Vice President Gus Holtz, VE3VK, presented a QCWA Meritorious Award to Doug Leach, VE3XK, for his "contributions to Amateur Radio and dedicated participation in QCWA activities". Members present congratulated Doug for a well-deserved award.

Speakers for the evening were Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, and Jim Dean, VE3IQ, whose topic was the recent World Radio Conference 2007 held in Geneva from October 22 to November 17. Ken, on behalf of the IARU, attended the conference as well as the technical study groups over the last four years. Jim, on behalf of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), attended the Conference and participated in the preparatory Canadian meetings during the same period. The full slide presentation can be viewed on the Chapter 70 web site ([www.qcwa70.org](http://www.qcwa70.org)). Thanking Ken and Jim for their presentation was Director Doug Leach, VE3XK, who noted the extensive work that Ken and Jim have contributed to amateur radio over the years.

**Tom Bartello, VE3ELM, Secretary**

## **Chapter 73, Fred Hammond (ON)**

Our fall meeting was held on Saturday, 20 October 2007, at the Plainsman Restaurant near Clappison's Corners, Ontario, with 69 members and guests in attendance. Vice President, Mary Card, VE3FEB, presided.

Silent Keys reported were Gord MacPhail, VE3IH, Age 93; Chapter President, VE3CDM, Age 81; and Bill Booth, VE3AAA.

New members introduced were Nigel Johnson, VE3ID, and Doug Netherton, VE3MCF.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, gave a brief report on our Scholarship Fund. There were four awards for 2007. Details were provided in our last Chapter Newsletter.

Our main attraction was a talk by Paul Cassel, VE3SY, with more on Ebay, and Paypal. After lunch we had a prize draw where, once again, everyone was a winner, due to the efforts of our Prize Chairman, Bert Almemo, VE3OBU. The prize donor list will be in the next Chapter Newsletter mailing.

A slate of Directors were presented and elected as follows: President and Scholarship Chairman, Mary Card, VE3FEB; Vice President and Prize Chairman, Bert Almemo, VE3OBU; Secretary-Treasurer, Keith Bentley, VE3DHL; Membership Chairman, Barc Nutter, VE3HAH; Awards Chairman, Harold Braun, VE3DWH. The term of office is two years.

We are still looking for an archivist to look after Chapter history. Paul Cassel remains as our audio/visual expert.

This will be our last meeting at The Plainsman Restaurant, which is closing down and the property sold for other uses. The Directors are looking for a new location for our next meeting in early May of 2008.

**Keith Bentley, VE3DHL, Secretary Treasurer**

## **Chapter 76, Blue Ridge (NC)**

Once again, the last month of the last quarter of yet another year and we're looking forward to the holidays, Christmas and Hanukkah. It doesn't take too many years as a member of QCWA to realize that aging is definitely NOT a linear function! Time flies!

Our October meeting was intended as an explanation and live demo of Winlink 2000 by yours truly. I managed to get through the preliminary explanation just fine, but at 32 minutes exactly, the LCD projector quit and refused to be resurrected for more than mere moments! That was at the point of visually explaining the operation of the "Airmail" software together with the live demo of Winlink on HF radio! I think the accompanying picture of me was taken just at the point of failure. Without the projector, I was just another guy with a laptop in a big room and there was no choice but to conclude as gracefully as possible. We'll get back to completing that presentation sometime next year. The projector, by the way, has been languishing in a "projector hospital" in California since the 15th of October (the company is named "Projector Doctor" if you're curious). The replacement parts are either coming from a far corner of Tibet by oxcart or the repair facility is totally incompetent and cannot accept and admit the fact



*Speaker, Kevin Fakhoury.*



*Duke Knief, W4DK.*

that they can't fix the thing! Oh well, let's move on.

During our November meeting, we were visited by Ken and Sue Simpson, W8EK and N8AJU respectively. Ken is a member of the QCWA Chapter Relations Committee as well as a Director candidate in the current election cycle and he passed on info relative to the recent QCWA convention in Denver. The scheduled speaker for the day was Kevin Fakhoury of Southern Alarm Company. Turns out that Southern Alarm does a great deal of home theater installations as well as alarm systems. Kevin explained the associated audio/visual equipment and techniques as well as state of the art automation for the home.

And finally, December. Chapter 76 normally has two meetings per month but in December we slow down to one, our traditional holiday luncheon at a somewhat more upscale local restaurant. This is the one meeting where our "significant others" are specifically invited as our way of saying thanks for putting up with us during the year. To an "outsider" non-ham, picture an adult endlessly voicing his callsign into a microphone, at all times of the day and



*Ken Simpson, W8EK.*

night and at the same time as thousands of others, in the hopes of a brief acknowledgement from another bunch of nuts sitting on a cluster of rocks in the middle of the South China Sea (BS7H). Yes, they DO put up with a lot! And yes, that was me and yes, I worked 'em!

From all of us in Chapter 76, the best of Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah. See you next year!

*Duke, W4DK*

## **Chapter 85, Ark-La-Tex (LA)**

Voting at our final meeting of the year produced the following officers for 2008: President, Roger Ley, WA9PZL; Vice-President, Mike McCrary, WB5LJQ; and Secretary/Treasurer, John Stewart, AA5KV.

Equipment was collected and readied for the Chapter's current project. The project involves placing a receiver at the Sci-Port Discovery Center which will monitor amateur radio communications from the International Space Station (ISS). Located in downtown Shreveport, the Sci-Port Discovery Center is a science and entertainment center visited by many area school children, as well as adults. Listening to radio communications from the ISS will give visitors an appreciation for the radio footprint of an orbiting vehicle, and highlight the role of amateur radio in the space program. Donated equipment includes a receiver from Richard Norman, W5ZUA, and a quadrifilar helix antenna built by Ben McCasland, WA5PTE.

We invite all to participate in our weekly 2 meter net. Our net is conducted on the 146.67 repeater each Monday evening. The net begins at 8 PM local during Daylight Saving Time and 7:30 PM local during Central Standard Time.

*John Stewart, AA5KV*



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## **Chapter 91, Vic Clark (VA)**

Since the stories and photo albums covering all of our Chapter's recent events are found on our website:

<<http://homepage.mac.com/rucker/chapter91/>>

only a capsule summary of each recent event follows.

October: Mark Parent, KC4AFU, who sometimes joins our 2 meter net on Sunday mornings, arranged for us to visit facilities of the Spacecraft Engineering Department of the Naval Research Lab (NRL). A special treat was having radar expert, Ed Lyon, on hand to answer our questions about the history of radar after watching a recently restored movie of Ed making a presentation on that subject to some NRL folks in 1998. The first photo shows Mark shaking hands with Ed and surrounded by our party.

November: We elected the following as Officers for 2008: President: Tim Donovan, WA4CLK; Vice President: Mike Huhn, K3TEZ; Secretaries: Carol and Leila Cutchall, WA4GFW and WN4PP; and returning as Treasurer, Nelson Seese, W4BHD. The next day, we learned that our immediate Past President, Len Hook, KG6ZR, became a Silent Key during the week at age 59. A remembrance of



*Chapter 91 at Naval Research Labs*



*Carl Gray receives his 80-Year Award from John Johnston.*

Len is posted on our website and includes photos of him during happier times.

The second photo is of Carl Gray, W4ACM, who received from QCWA President John B. Johnston, W3BE, a handsome plaque recognizing the 80 years (plus one) that have passed since he was first licensed as 9EUH in 1926 – photo by Ken Pinion, N4KP.

Our featured speaker was John Evans, N3HBX, who described designing and building a world-class DX contesting station and antenna farm in Poolsville, MD. His station supports two operators, each using two transceivers and having the capability to choose among some amazing antennas stacked on four rotating towers. John showed contesting results at his station for the years '05, '06, and '07; listed were 14 outstanding wins.

December: At our annual Christmas luncheon, the featured speaker was James E. O'Neal, AG4DH, Technology Editor for TV Technology Magazine. His topic: Who was Reginald Aubrey Fessenden? Did his famous broadcasts of speech, music, and song on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve of 1906 really happen? See our website for more.

At prior luncheons, Len Hook was our Santa. This year, the role was taken over by Mike Huhn, K3TEZ, assisted by Santa's elf, John Reiser, WQ4L. Everyone went home with a least one gift from Santa, and four winners of the grand prize drawing took home more.

*Dick Rucker, KM4ML*

## **Chapter 94, Albuquerque, (NM)**

Fifteen members and guests of Roadrunner chapter 94 met at Shoney's Saturday, December 8th, for lunch and to hold their annual election. Outgoing President Paul Ridley, N5PR, shown below with his XYL Dorothy, conducted the



*President Paul Ridley, N5PR, shown here with his XYL Dorothy.*

meeting and a good time was had by all. The nominees were all elected unanimously. The slate of Officers for 2008 is; President, Bob Hajek, W9QBH; Vice President, Don Grab, K5BIS; Sec/Treas & Director 2008, Chuck Stanton, W5LBU; Director 2009, Carol Wageman, W5TIK; Director 2010, Bill Wageman, K5MAT. Congratulations to all. A gift was given to each member and guest present. This was by drawing so as to prevent the appearance of favoritism or political collusion. Paul Ridley also gave a jar of honey to each member present. There is a lot buzzing around Paul's QTH besides his final. Thanks Paul. Chapter 94's next meeting is scheduled for 1:30pm, Saturday, March 8, 2008 at Shoney's.

**Chuck Stanton, Secretary/Treasurer Elect**

## **Chapter 110, Kansas (KS)**

Chapter 110 held their fall dinner and meeting Nov. 10, 2007 at Western Sizzlin Steak House at 11:30 AM with 31 members and guests present. A great meal was enjoyed by all. After the meal we had a short meeting with very little business. Alvin, WOME, gave a report from the 2007 International QCWA Convention in Denver, Co. Alvin had picked up a 60th cup and key chain he used as



L-R: W0FCL, Dave, Pres; K4OEIC, Don, VP; W4OJFC, Leon, Noll; Larry, K0UAS; Terry, K0RY; Harvey, K40BAT; Malva, W0UB; Vance, W4OPSF; Ron, WOME; Alvin, Sec/Tres; W4OGRM, Lester; WSOM, Harold; K4OBHO, Terry; W0CEM, John; N0LJK, Dave; W0YVR, Glen; K0HIN, Pauline; W0LQK, Willi.

prizes for a drawing and Ron, W4OPSF, was the lucky winner of the key chain and W0LQK's XYL was winner of the cup. Alvin's hope is that someone will try to attend the Convention in 2008.

**Alvin, WOME**

## **Chapter 111, Palm Beach (FL)**

Greetings from the sunny Palm Beaches! Chapter Officers



Attached photo: (L-R) Tom Thompson, W2TMT; John Samuels, K2CIB; & Bob Berger, AC4H showing off their 50-Year Golden Certificates. Hugh Connolly, AG4HC, Chapter President, is 3rd from the left.

for 2008 are President: Hugh Connolly, AG4HC; Vice President, Al Maslin, N3EA; & Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Beals, WA4AW. At a recent monthly luncheon meeting, President Hugh presented 50-Year Golden Certificates to Bob Berger, AC4H; John Samuels, K2CIB; & Tom Thompson, W2TMT. Congratulations to you all!

Chapter 111 was represented at the Okeechobee hamfest on Nov. 24th. Along with myself, National Treasurer Frank Harris, WA4PAM; Chapter 62 President Ken Simpson, W8EK; & Chapter 62 Treasurer, Sue Simpson, N8AJU, were on hand flying the QCWA banner. The Palm Beach Chapter meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 1130 hrs local, at Perkins restaurant on Military Trail in West Palm Beach. Talk in on the 147.045 repeater. If your travels bring you to the Palm Beaches, please join us at our monthly luncheon meetings.

**Jeff Beals, WA4AW**

## **Chapter 112, Yankee (MA)**

### **The Minutes of the QCWA Chapter 112 Fall Meeting on October 20, 2007.**

QCWA Chapter 112 held their fall meeting at Rom's Restaurant in Sturbridge, MA. President Bob Smith, KK3P, opened the meeting with comments from Janice, K4IJK, on the Denver Convention. Skip, W46VVA, discussed happenings at the Board of Director's meeting. Skip reported the Temperature at Pike's Peak was 15 degrees with white-out conditions.

Pikes Peak elevation is 14,110 feet. Chuck, K1IGD, QCWA General Manager, reported the 2008 QCWA National Convention will be held in Virginia Beach, VA on

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# 2008 QCWA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## October 3-5, 2008 • Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA

### Hosted by Tidewater Chapter 119

#### Convention Hotel: The Cavalier, Oceanfront at 42nd Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Single or double rooms are available for \$90.00 (+ taxes) per night. For reservations, contact the hotel directly at toll-free 1-800-446-8199 or 757-425-8555 (local) with the special reservation code QCWA 2008. Reservations must be made by 10 Sep 2008 to insure convention rate. Convention rates are available for 29 Sep thru 8 Oct, 2008.

#### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Friend: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (Under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Staying at Convention Hotel? ☐ Yes ☐ No Local Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

|                                                                                                   | Quantity | Cost           | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|-------|
| <b>Pre-Registration*</b> (Before 1 Aug 08)                                                        | _____    | @ \$32.50 =    | _____ |
| <b>Registration</b> (After 1 Aug 08)                                                              | _____    | @ \$37.50 =    | _____ |
| <b>Spouse Registration</b>                                                                        | _____    | @ \$10.00 =    | _____ |
| <b>Guest/Friend Registration</b>                                                                  | _____    | @ \$25.00 =    | _____ |
| <b>Youth Registration</b> (Under 18)                                                              | _____    | @ \$5.00 =     | _____ |
| <b>2008 Convention Pin</b>                                                                        | _____    | @ \$6.00 =     | _____ |
| <b>Airport Transportation Service:</b> \$22.00 one way/\$40.00 round trip per person              | _____    | @ \$22/40 =    | _____ |
| <b>Friday Meet N Greet Reception</b>                                                              | _____    | @ \$32.50 =    | _____ |
| <b>Saturday Banquet:</b> Please indicate meal choice & number: _____ Beef _____ Seafood           | _____    | @ \$45.00 =    | _____ |
| <b>Thursday Welcome To Virginia Beach Tour</b> (Minimum: 15 registrations)                        | _____    | @ \$50.00 =    | _____ |
| <b>Friday Norfolk Tour</b> (Minimum: 35 registrations) Lunch Incl.                                | _____    | @ \$70.00 =    | _____ |
| <b>Saturday Mariner's Museum and Va Air/Space Museum Tour</b> (Min: 35 registrations) Lunch Incl. | _____    | @ \$75.00 =    | _____ |
| <b>Sunday Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Settlement Tour</b> (Min: 35 registrations)         | _____    | @ \$60.00 =    | _____ |
| <b>Tour GO/NO-GO Date: 1 Sep 2008.</b> Tour registration fees refunded if tour is cancelled.      |          | <b>Total =</b> | _____ |

Please check web site [www.qcwa-ch119.org](http://www.qcwa-ch119.org) for full tour package information. \*Early registration before 1 Aug 2008 entitles each early registrant to a ticket to win a 2 Meter handheld transceiver. Drawing at Meet N Greet Reception.

Make check or money order payable to **"QCWA 2008 Convention"** and send to: **Mr. Barry Priddy, K5VIP, Convention Treasurer, 723 Peachtree Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322**

# **QCWA 2008 International Convention**

## **October 3 - 5, 2008**

### **Tour Package Information (Abbreviated)** **Complete details at [www.qcwa-ch119.org](http://www.qcwa-ch119.org)**

**Norfolk International Airport Meet and Greet Service.** Personal Meet and Greet service and airport transfers to and from the hotel can be arranged as an option for your convenience. You must provide your arrival/departure information and we will stage a staff person on site to meet and direct you. Your personalized information will be provided in advance of your arrival. Cost: \$22 one way/\$40 Round Trip per person.

• **Thursday, October 2, 2008, 10:00am – 2:00pm**

**WELCOME TO VIRGINIA BEACH TOUR — B.O.D. Spouse Program (Open to all)**

Enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay  
See the historic lighthouses and the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry  
See where the famous Battle of the Capes took place during the Revolutionary War  
Tour NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN – including one of the largest collections of azaleas and camellias  
Enjoy a relaxing trackless train ride through the gardens and 115 acres of colorful landscapes

**Enjoy lunch on your own in the café on site**

Visit ROWENA'S, in Norfolk, famous for fresh baked pound cakes and unique jams, jellies and sauces

**Tour package: \$50.00 per person. Minimum Registrations: 15**

• **Friday, October 3, 9:15am – 4:15pm**

**NORFOLK TOUR LUNCH INCLUDED.**

Ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas  
See the historic St. Paul's Church, built in 1739, lone survivor of the Bombardment of Norfolk in 1776  
Tour NAUTICUS, THE NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER, including the Hampton Roads Naval Museum  
Tour the BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN, BB-64, the famous Iowa class battleship berthed at Nauticus  
Board the Victory Rover for a two hour Hampton Roads Harbor cruise where you will see aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines, guided missile cruisers and all the other ships in this busy harbor.

**LUNCH PROVIDED ON BOARD VICTORY ROVER**

Tour MACARTHUR MEMORIAL and view 25 minute film chronicling General MacArthur's life  
Visit MACARTHUR CENTER – indoor mall with over 150 specialty shops. Boutiques, and restaurants  
Visit DOUMARS – home of the world's first ice cream cone. Ice cream cone treat included.

**Tour package: \$70.00 per person. Minimum Registrations: 35**

• **Saturday, October 4, 9:00am – 4:00pm**

**MARINER'S MUSEUM/VIRGINIA AIR AND SPACE CENTER TOUR LUNCH INCLUDED.**

Tour the Mariner's Museum — one of the largest maritime history museums in the world  
See the fascinating USS Monitor Exhibit — Civil War ironclad ship

**Lunch provided at the Mariner's Museum**

Tour the VIRGINIA AIR AND SPACE CENTER — NASA Langley Research Center Visitor's Center

**Includes admission to an exciting movie in the 300 seat IMAX Theater**

**Tour package: \$75.00 per person. Minimum Registrations: 35**

• **Sunday, October 5, 8:30am – 4:30pm**

**COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG AND JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT TOUR**

History narration while enroute to Williamsburg, VA  
Interpreter/Guide will conduct a 1.5 hour walking tour of Colonial Williamsburg.  
Enjoy LUNCH ON YOUR OWN at one of the Colonial Taverns, or in Merchants Square.  
Tour Jamestown Settlement. See an Indian village, a Jamestown fort as it was in 1607, and the three ships: Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery that transported English colonists to Virginia.

**Tour package: \$60.00 per person. Minimum Registrations: 35**

Tour packages include: Motor coach transportation, tour guide services, admissions as listed, meals as listed, taxes and gratuities. Gratuities for guide and driver are NOT INCLUDED and are at the discretion of the individual.

3-5 Oct 2008. There were no convention plans yet for 2009. There is a new QCWA Life pin with date founded 1947 on the pin. A donation was approved for the QCWA Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$100.00 in memory of Bob Wallace, W1HH; and Pat Smith, N1CET. Get-well cards were sent to N1JS, Joe Santangelo; W1EES, Harold Chase; and W4GXZ, Blanche Randles. Door Prizes were awarded.

## **The minutes of the QCWA Chapter 112 Christmas Party on December 8, 2007.**

Chapter 112 held their Christmas Party at the Chateau Restaurant, Norton, MA on December 8, 2007. President Bob Smith, KK3P, opened our meeting. Chuck, K1IGD, gave us a brief history of the first New England Chapter, Chapter 3, the Boston-Providence Chapter, chartered in 1955. A new chapter was considered called the "Yankee Chapter". Wes Randles, W4COW, SK, was the first President and Onie, W1Zen, SK was the first Secretary. Chapter 112 was chartered in 1979. Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF celebrated his 101st birthday. His is the only surviving Charter Member of QCWA.

Harry, W1DGD and Bob, KK3P, chaired the Yankee Swap and the gift exchange. All gifts were included in the Yankee Swap which made the gift exchange a lot of fun.

*Janice Lentz, K4IJK, Secretary*

## **Chapter 119, Tidewater (VA)**

With this report Chapter 119 closes out 2007 as a successful year in the Chapter history. Everyone is looking forward to more and better QCWA activity in 2008 and the crown jewel will be, no doubt, the 2008 International Convention right here in Virginia Beach, October 3rd through 5th. Our planning group has done an excellent job in planning this event and about all that remains for total success is an enthusiastic response by the QCWA community throughout the Americas. How wonderful it is that Chapter 119 will be able to return the gracious hospitality extended by our Canadian friends at both Ottawa and Calgary and by those at Denver, all recent QCWA convention sites. We hope to see many of our Canadian friends here in Virginia Beach.

Chapter 119 has a new President for 2008. Mr. Ron Young, W8RJJ, a long-time QCWA member and active supporter was elected President at the December Holiday Meeting. Vice-President Al Crawford, WA4TCJ, was re-elected, as was Secretary/Treasurer Vic Culver, W4VIC. Congratulations to the newly-elected and re-elected officers.

Chapter longevity awards were presented at both the QCWA Forum at the September Virginia Beach hamfest and at the Holiday Gala Celebration meeting in

December. A Fifty-Year Anniversary Certificate was awarded to John Johnson, K0IBS. Fifty-Year Anniversary and Fifty-Year Continuously Licensed Gold Certificates were awarded to Wally Carter, K4OGT; Sonny Hood, K4WYS; Ken Moorman, NU4I; Gene White, W4CKP; and Dick Vogel, W4XB. Fifty-Five Year Anniversary Certificates were awarded to Charlie Chapman, W1WTG; Jack Main, W4YCZ; and John E. Smith, W4HDW.

The Chapter welcomes new members Mike Hawk, KB4CAU; John Hale, AI4QQ; and Rue Stuteville, KA4PLH; in order of accession. Congratulations to these fine amateur operators who found their way to one of the very best amateur radio organizations there is. On a sad note, the Chapter said final 73's to H. Gee Gwaltney, W4IF (SK, 4/30/2007); and Col. Dick Vogel, W4XB (SK, 12/7/07).

By the time this report reaches you we hope that your thoughts will be turning to the spring QCWA QSO Party. Chapter 119 will be out in full force for this event and we hope the up-tick in participation shown in last spring's QSO Party will carry over to this year's event. WQ4CWA, the Chapter 119 official call sign, will be on the air for the contest. Remember also, the Sixtieth Anniversary Sixty-Sixty Award sponsored by QCWA National. Membership numbers are available for QSO's with members during Chapter nets. The Chapter 119 HF net meets on Sunday mornings at 0800 local time (EST/EDST) on 3.947 MHz. and NCS stations are especially alert for unfamiliar call signs. Please join us on any Sunday morning and let's exchange membership numbers.

I'm about out of words. We'd love to see you at the Virginia Beach Convention. Check our web site for continually updated information at [www.qcwa-ch119.org](http://www.qcwa-ch119.org).

*Vic Culver, W4VIC, Secretary/Treasurer*

## **Chapter 120, Quarter Century Wireless Women (QCWW)**

As I sit here writing this article for the Spring 2008 Journal, while 3 inches of new fallen snow lies on the ground beckoning me to come and remove it from the driveways, I cannot help but recall the wonderful adventures we had in Denver during last October's QCWA Convention. WOW! Jim Blecha, W9KRE, and the Chapter 58 membership put new meaning into the phrase "Hosting a QCWA Convention"; a much-belated thank you from the QCWW folks that participated in your great adventure.

In the accompanying QCWW Member picture, seated left to right is Joan Powell, VE3ZC, current QCWA Board of Director candidate; Janice Lentz, K4IJK, QCWW President; Carolyn Harrison, WBØOUM, QCWW Vice-President and QCWA Director; 2nd row is Ken Simpson, K8EK, current QCWA Board of Director candidate; Sue





Seated left to right is Joan Powell, VE3ZC, current QCWA Board of Director candidate; Janice Lentz, K4IJK, QCWW President; Carolyn Harrison, WB0OUM, QCWW Vice-President and QCWA Director; 2nd row is Ken Simpson, K8EK, current QCWA Board of Director candidate; Sue Simpson, N8AJU, guest; Gary Harrison, KØBC, QCWA Historian and Former QCWA President; 3rd row; Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, QCWW Treasurer & Editor, and QCWA Director; and George Roach, VE3BNO, former QCWA Director and current advisor to and for the Annual QCWA Convention Committee.

Simpson, N8AJU, guest; Gary Harrison, KØBC, QCWA Historian and Former QCWA President; 3rd row; Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, QCWW Treasurer & Editor, and QCWA Director; and George Roach, VE3BNO, former QCWA Director and current advisor to and for the Annual QCWA Convention Committee. Missing the picture opportunity was Croft Taylor, VE3CT, former QCWA President.

Our 2007 meeting minutes, by the time you are reading this, should be displayed on QCWW's Chapter 120 web page ([www.qcwa.org](http://www.qcwa.org) site index to Chapters and hit the Chapter 120 link). And many of the 2007 Convention photos should also be there (as soon as I get off my duff and send them to Bob Roske, NØUF, QCWA's Web Master) for your viewing pleasure.

Chapter members voted to match the \$100 donation we gave to QCWA Headquarters last year for use in day-to-day operational expenses. And I had the pleasure of presenting our check for \$200 - both years' donations, in person during a late October visit to QCWA Headquarters in Framingham, MA. It was a very warm and enjoyable visit.

We are currently implementing Chapter 120 as a Virtual QCWW Chapter. We no longer charge a Chapter dues and our only meeting is during the QCWA Convention where we manage to have a very good time. We will live in the QCWA Journal's Chapter Reports and on our Chapter web site with what we hope to be a quarterly newsletter.

Although any QCWA member can be a member of any QCWA Chapter, QCWW was formed generally in

the interest of and for QCWA XYLs. With this thought in mind, I would like to pass on an idea that was given to me. In many dual family QCWA memberships - where the OM and XYL are listed members, we in Chapter 120 would like to ask the XYL in that membership dual if she would consider listing Chapter 120 as her primary Chapter. And only if it would cause no problems or hard feelings in or from a local Chapter that you might be currently associated with. This is also an open invitation to any other QCWA XYL, worldwide that might not be affiliated with any chapter.

Our QCWW election will take place next October in Virginia Beach, VA during the 2008 QCWA Convention. We will be looking for four Officer positions to fill - President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you might be interested in one of these opportunities, please give me a call at 262-639-7327 and/or email me at [wa9jmo@wi.net](mailto:wa9jmo@wi.net). Membership application and information about us, can be garnered the same way.

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and you and your family are experiencing a most happy, healthy and prosperous 2008.

**Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, Treasurer and Editor**

## Chapter 126, Piedmont (NC)

The Piedmont Chapter 126, QCWA met on December 1, 2007, at the Yarbrough's Restaurant in Lexington, NC. There were 23 members and guests present for the meeting.

The Chapter Board Meeting began at 11:00 AM with the following members present: President, Chuck Littlewood, K4HF; Treasurer, Billy Stewart, WA4PVI; Director, Wes Jones, WJ4DX; Secretary, Charles Swindell, WB4DCM; and Wayne Asheworth, W4HG. Vice President, Jack Emerson, W4TJE; and Director Joe Brown, W4ONJ were excused. The following issues were discussed:

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of Officers for 2008: Chuck Littlewood, President; Jack Emerson, Vice President; Wes Jones and Wayne Asheworth, Directors; and Charles Swindell for Secretary/Treasurer. The next meeting is tentatively set for March 22, 2008. VP Jack is working on a location.

The issue of a Chapter history and having members do a brief biographical sketch was discussed. National is also looking for this type material. The Chapter Website is looking good thanks to John, W4CC.

It is important that all members be aware of the health and welfare of our fellow members and to advise the Secretary of important events.

The general meeting began by President Chuck wel-

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*Chapter 126 meeting speaker Jeff Wittich, AC4ZO, and part of his many historic Keys and Bugs on display.*



*Carolyn, WA4LPN, and Billy Stewart, WA4PVI, outgoing Treasurer receives recognition for their many years of service by Chapter 126 President Chuck Littlewood, K4HF.*

coming and calling the meeting to order at 12:00PM. We paid our respects to this year's Silent Keys and their families. Lively conversation then ensued while the lunch orders were taken and the food delivered. Following lunch, there was a brief business session: Treasurer's Report; net report; nominations presented and elected; John Covington, W4CC; and Dick Genaille, W4UW won door prizes; Jim Morris, KA4MPP, won the 50/50 drawing; everyone was reminded that 2008 dues are due; it was announced that Jack Emerson and Billy and Carolyn Stewart would have a Chapter 126 booth at the Charlotte Hamfest March 8 & 9, 2008; the Chapter is looking for a historian to update our records.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Billy Stewart for past President and Treasurer and wife, Carolyn, for helping at meetings; John Covington for VP for at least three years thorough 2003; to Mary Jo Littlewood for assistance at many meetings. Joe Brown for



*Chuck, K4HF, recognizes John Covington, W4CC, as a prior Officer, current Webmaster and for many years of service to the Chapter.*

his efforts as Chapter President and Treasurer and wife Nancy for help at meetings. Chuck Brydges as Treasurer for six years through 2002 and Judi Brydges for assisting at our meetings.

Upon conclusion of the business meeting, our guest speaker Jeff Wittich, AC4ZO, was introduced. Jeff brought with him a very large collection of telegraph keys and bugs, which he put on display. Accompanied with slides and references to his key collection, Jeff made an excellent presentation on Samuel Morse and his Code. The presentation provided a chronological history of the development of the telegraph, the role that Samuel Morse played, and the people that interacted with him. The words, "what has God wrought" were written by one Miss Annie Ellsworth about one year prior to them being sent over the telegraph. The world record for copying CW was set by a Ted McElroy in 1939 in Asheville, NC at 75.2 WPM. The record still stands today. Much to the delight of the attendees, the video clip was played of the Jay Leno Show in which two telegraphers beat two young text messengers in sending a specific message.

Jeff was asked the value of his collection. When he responded, his wife snickered. By the way, do you know where the term "lid" came from? According to Jeff, inexperienced telegraph operators would place an empty tuna can over the telegraph sounders to make the dots and dashes more distinguishable. It was an excellent program.

We welcomed other meeting guests including Bobbi Wittich, KD4ZVW; Ken McEwen, KI4OTO; Gary Pearce, KN4AQ; Nona Morris, KA4NHL and Shirley Lee.

**Chuck, K4HF, President**

## **Chapter 128, Pelican (FL)**

The annual Pelican Picnic was held in November at Seminole Lake Park, with guests from the Gator and Suncoast Chapters attending. The location is picturesque, weather was the best in years, the food great and many prizes were distributed. There was a discussion of having more joint meetings of the Gator and Pelican Chapters since such meetings have met with considerable success. The highlight of the day was the presentation of the QCWA Meritorious Award to Ken Johnson, WA4TOP, by Walt Supina, N3WS, Secretary of QCWA. Ken had served as Secretary and had been President of the Pelican Chapter for several years.

The December Meeting was an important one for Pelican Chapter. For the first time in a number of years there were volunteers for Officer positions. This was received by the membership with a great sigh of relief.



*Walt Supina, N3WS, presenting Meritorious Award to Ken Johnson, WA4TOP.*



*Back row: Ken Johnson, WA4TOP; Walt Supina, N3WS; Croft Taylor, VE3CT; Joe Rubin, W4CBJ; Ed Chandler, W4NEO; Jarvie Mullins, WA4GJH. Front Row: John Smith, W4ACG.*

Former QCWA President Croft Taylor, VE3CT, a long-time member of the Pelican Chapter, was present to conduct the ceremony. John Smith, W4ACG, was inducted as President and Joe Rubin, W4CBJ, as Vice President. Ed Chandler, W4NEO; and Walt Supina, N3WS, agreed to continue as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Directors Ken Johnson and Jarvie Mullins, WA4GJH, agreed to continue in that position.

Geoff Haines, N1GY, Technical Coordinator for the ARRL West Central Florida section, spoke on "Hands Free Mobile Installations". He brought along several pieces of equipment to illustrate his talk and made a few valuable money-saving suggestions.

***Walt, N3WS***

## **Chapter 134, Pine Tree (ME)**

The periodic meeting of the Chapter was held at 1:00 pm on October 20, 2007 at the Rain Forest Café in Monmouth, ME. Nineteen people were in attendance. We welcomed our newest member, Al Corderman, WB1EFN. The Chapter awarded Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card to Phil Young, W1JTH, in appreciation of his long and distinguished service as Secretary/Treasurer. Steve Kercel, AA4AK, is the new Secretary/Treasurer.

The Chapter voted to donate \$50 to the QCWA Scholarship Fund (administered by FAR for the National QCWA).

The Chapter is issuing Certificate for working 10 Maine stations during the 400th Anniversary period of the Popham Colony. For more details, see the inside front cover of the Fall 2007 issue of the National QCWA Journal.

***Steve Kercel, AA4AK, Secretary/Treasurer***

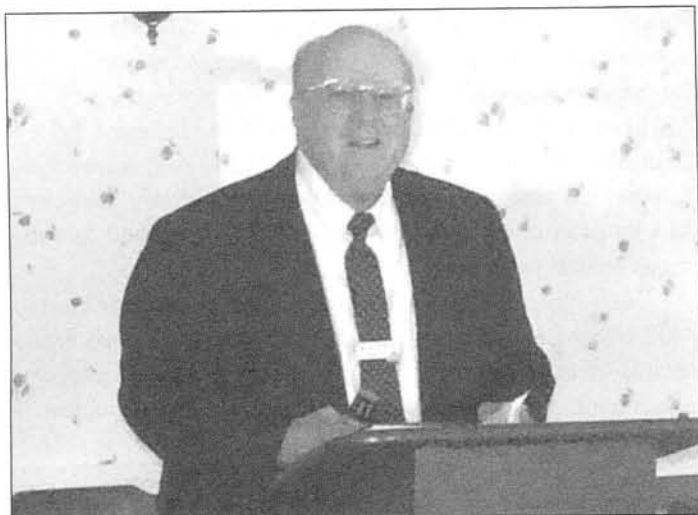
## **Chapter 149, Nutmeg (CT)**

The QCWA Nutmeg Chapter 149 meeting was held at the 95 Gathering Place in Wallingford, CT on Nov. 10, 2007. Twenty-seven members and guests were present. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by our President, Al Cohen, W1FXQ.

We all gave self introductions and Al made mention of the Chapter's Past Presidents who were present: Wayne Shaffer, W3QAN; Charles Griffin, W1GYR; Paul Taylor, K1AFI; Luke Lauretano, KA1SE; and Fred Heffner, W1CKV. Luke read the minutes of our August 11 meeting at the Paradise Restaurant in New Britain, CT with twenty people present.

Tony Perrone, W1CGI, gave the invocation. A plentiful and tasty buffet followed.





*Past President, Paul Taylor, K1AFI, at the podium speaking about his readings regarding K4ZVZ at Chapter 149 meeting.*

The date being so near to Veteran's Day, the program was planned as a salute to those who served. Key speaker was Past President, Paul Taylor, K1AFI, who spoke knowledgeably and interestingly about the recently-deceased Brigadier General, Paul Tibbets, K4ZVZ, who flew the B-29 Enola Gay and the A-Bomb to its destination and thus quickened the end of WWII. K1AFI's extensive reading on the late K4ZVZ reflected his research.

President Al, W1FXQ, read an E-mail from his Air Force squadron-mate Jay Graves, W0DL, who quoted his friend Jerry Elkins, the radio operator of the accompanying B-29 Photo aircraft, describing the "biggest explosion he had ever seen" as looking "like a sunrise". An original photo of the devastated target area was passed around the room. We had all the veterans who were present stand and give their branch of service.

Past President, Charles Griffin, then spoke briefly of the grand opening of the Vintage Radio Museum in Windsor CT (<http://www.nationalcommunicationsmuseum.org>) which has a working ham station assembled by ham volunteers, including himself, at this impressive newly-updated facility.

Boy Scout executive, Ron Cady, K1RKD, spoke briefly about the elective Amateur Radio training received by Boy Scouts to qualify for the scout's Merit Badge.

Treasurer, Gary Awsiukiewicz, K1MQ, gave his report as a total of \$ 2,168.78 in the Treasury.

Al, W1FXQ, called shut-in member and Past President George Hart, W1NJM, on the cell phone and George greeted the attendees via the PA system. A vote made George an honorary member of our Chapter which he graciously accepted. It was noted that Past President, Harold Chase, W1EES, is at the Kimberley Nursing home in Windsor, CT; also that past member Al Diedrksen, W1GFE, is homebound. Tony, W1CGI, called attention to

five new Chapter members: Marc Goldstein, K8LSB; Paul Lux, K1PL; Patricia Lux, WB1EOS; James Clark, N1DIO; and Mike Schindler, K1AMS. Wallingford resident Luke KA1SE came the shortest distance. We almost considered Vice President, Mark Mokoski, K1PU/VK2IFH for the longest distance travel recognition but since he actually came only 10 miles we gave it to Howie Corey, W1CL, of Randolph Center, VT.

We then had our raffle of useful gifts, brought by Kay and Tony Perrone, W1CGI. Eileen, W1NYC; and Gary, K1MQ, will get the gifts for our next meeting on February 9, 2008 in Rocky Hill, CT.

Guest speaker will be John Ellsworth on "The Man Who Wouldn't Give Up". (Ellsworth will tell of his many years of efforts that finally culminated in a world-class museum.) He is the CEO and founder of the Vintage Radio Museum. Next time you are in the area, you would enjoy visiting the Museum.

**Tony Perrone, W1CGI, Secretary**

## **Chapter 150, DEL-MAR-VA (DE)**

One of Chapter 150's Charter Members, Edward Hill, W3FEG, celebrated his 102nd birthday on January 18, 2008. Ed was born in 1906 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. He became interested in Ham Radio (days of spark gap transmitters) before any "W" calls were issued, and received his current call in December 1934. Ed worked as a trouble shooter — starting in 1927 and was promoted to manager of Delaware Coastal Cities in 1940 and worked for DELMARVA Power in that capacity until he retired in 1969. In 1986, Ed founded the Diamond State Net which is still active today. He currently resides in Lewes, Delaware.

The Chapter 150 fall picnic was held at the QTH of Chapter Vice President, Richard Drevo, W3GNQ, in October. QCWA President, John B. Johnston, W3BE, presented a QCWA Meritorious Award to Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, John Willmuth, NQ4Q, for his noteworthy contributions with respect to the Chapter's activities, On-The-Air Net, and increased membership during the past six years.

We are sorry to report that we lost two of our long-time members last year. Bill Kuning, W3BY, became a Silent Key in November and Walt Brink, W3WPY, became a Silent Key in December. Bill, W3BY, was first licensed in January of 1937 as W9ZBG, held various other calls and became W3BY in 1967. Walt, W3WPY, was first licensed in 1951 as W7PLT and became W3WPY in 1953; then W9CUH in 1959; and back to W3WPY in 1965. In his spare time, Walt was also a tuba player in the Washington Redskins Marching Band for

about 15 years. Walt was very active in QCWA; was a National Director, belonged to several chapters, and was a Charter Member of Chapter 150. Both Bill and Walt will be greatly missed.

Chapter 150 luncheon meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Milton House Restaurant in Milton, DE. Changes in location will be announced on our Sunday on-air net and on our web site. All are welcome to attend.

Chapter 150 meets on the air every Sunday at 9:00 AM local time on 146.82 MHz (-). Please join us if you are in the area.

Additional information and photos are available on our web site, [www.qcwa150.com](http://www.qcwa150.com) or contact John Willmuth (NQ4Q) at [willmuth@dmv.com](mailto:willmuth@dmv.com).

**Glenn Bilger, W40CC, Chapter Board Member**

## **Chapter 151, Alberta Wild Rose (AB)**

Since its fall meeting in September, QCWA Chapter 151 continues to be involved in providing volunteers to the Calgary Military Museum's Society for Morse Code demonstrations. In other educational undertakings, teacher Brian Jackson, VE6BJ, has approached three schools in the Calgary region to submit an ARISS application. If successful, Chapter 151 will be involved, as it has in two previous ARISS projects.

Chapter 151 wishes to remember the following Silent Keys: Frank Clements, VE6AY; Mel Ekland, VE6VS; and Tom Atkins, VE3CDM.

The Chapter membership also thanks outgoing Secretary, Jack Ambler, VE6CAQ; and outgoing Treasurer, John Smith, VE6AI, for their service to Chapter 151.

The next meeting of QWCA Chapter 151 will take place April 26, 2008.

**Mitch Goodjohn, VE6SM, Secretary**

## **Chapter 154, Leo Meyerson, Greater Palm Springs (CA)**

The presentation at our November Chapter luncheon by Doug Bornstein, W6DXX; and Eric Goforth, N6GOF, was outstanding. They described the K6IFR D-Star digital repeater, located on nearby Edom Hill, operating on 447.140 MHz, -offset, and its interface with the Internet. The Internet connection allows local voice and digital traffic to be tied seamlessly to other D-Star stations located around the globe. The quality and number of questions indicated a very high level of interest.

Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, our Chapter namesake,



*Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, and Dick Norton, N6AA.*



*Leo at the keyboard!*

arrived in the Palm Springs area on December 4, 2008. Always ready for a party, one week later Leo joined the annual Holiday Party here in the Coachella Valley of California. Many local hams enthusiastically welcomed him back for another season. Among the greeters was Dick Norton, N6AA, ARRL Southwestern Division Director. Leo and Dick always enjoy exchanging views about the past, present, and future of amateur radio!

This year marks Leo's 80th anniversary as a ham radio operator. At age 97, Leo looks forward to many more years of operating. But, never willing to give up his day job, he still enjoys demonstrating he retains his talent as a theater organist!

**Gene Pentecost, W4IMT, President**

## **Chapter 162, Southeast Wisconsin (WI)**

Our Annual Meeting/Banquet/Election held at Bentley's American Grille in Racine's Marriott Hotel last October



*Chapter 162's 2008 Board of Directors (front row l to r) is Dan Miller, KA9OIL, Vice-President; Ron Fox, K9AKH, President; and Mark Swartwout, NX1K, Secretary/Treasurer. Back row (l to r) are Directors Dick Kehl, WA9HOH; Gene Haney, WB9ZKY, and Ed Konicek, W9NVK. Not pictured is Daryl Lynaugh, WB9VHK.*

was a gala and most wonderful event. It probably was a more enjoyable event because the Chapter picked up the tab for our yearly gathering. We had an excellent brunch, spread a few tall tales, and experienced some lively companionship.

After the meal, ballots were distributed to the membership to elect/reelect three Board members. Dan Miller, KA9OIL; Daryl Lynaugh, WB9VHK; and Ed Konicek, W9NVK, were the top vote getters and elected to the most coveted position in the QCWA – Chapter Directors. Joining Directors Dick Kehl, WA9HOH; Gene Haney, WB9ZKY; Ron Fox, K9AKH; and Mark Swartwout, NX1K; the Directors then elected Ron Fox, President; Dan Miller, Vice-president; and Mark Swartwout, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board and membership would like to take this opportunity to thank Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO, for his five-years as President of Chapter 162. A task well managed!

A special note to: Herb Ladwig, W9PHJ, currently residing in an assisted living facility; hang in there, we hope to hear you on the Chapter net in the very near future. Ken Knoff, N9NBC, a speedy recovery and hope you can soon rejoin our activities and net participation. Al Marini, W9CKQ, also living in an assisted living facility; it was good to hear you on the net, hope you can join us weekly. "Skokie" Bill Hawes, W9ERG, and Tom Jenkins, WB9WNZ, our Northern Illinois residents, we miss you on the net and at the social gathering, please drop us a note or give a shout on the repeater. And to Ray Wolfe, K9RI, battling a host of medical conditions, we are thinking of you. All of you are in our thoughts and our prayers.

The first Sunday in December found the Chapter assembled at the Meadows Restaurant in Franksville, WI, for our annual Christmas party. I believe there were 25 of us sharing the spirit of the season, enjoying a fine meal,



*Dan Miller, KA9OIL, the 2008 recipient of the Olie Fox, K9AKG Recognition of Excellent Award presented by Chapter President Ron Fox, K9AKH.*

good companionship, and fine conversation. After the gift exchange we honored a person we felt deserved to be singled out for public recognition. Our Annual Olie Fox, K9AKG, Recognition of Excellent Award was presented to Dan Miller, KA9OIL, for unselfish service and dedication to his community, emergency communication and the overall support of Amateur Radio. The Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter 162 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association is proud and very pleased to present this award to Dan Miller, KA9OIL. Dan, as a trained weather spotter, has given countless hours as a trainer, participant and spokesperson of and for the Racine County's Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES); has served in most Officer capacities of all the local radio clubs; is the Trustee of the Racine Megacycle Club's Call Sign W9UDU; and is a founding member and the current driving force behind the monthly "Fox Hunts" on the two-meter Ham Band. Dan has helped set up and coordinate Amateur Testing in Southeastern Wisconsin; provided communication for local community charity events; worked as a volunteer communicator at the Racine County Fair; the annual Half Iron Man Triathlon; and has provided need communication for Boy Scout and other fund-raising neighborhood events. We are most happy to recognize this year's unanimous selection.

The Chapter has ordered a "care package" from QCWA Headquarters so we can fly the banner and promote QCWA and the Chapter at the many area Hamfests and Amateur Radio Activities. We are hoping to bring notice that, yes, there is a QCWA presence in Southeastern Wisconsin. We are active and energized, so come join us for some fun and radio activities.

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and are enjoying a very Happy, Healthy and prosperous 2008.

**Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO**



## **Chapter 169, Sacramento Valley (CA)**

Due to problems beyond our control, Chapter 169 has changed to a luncheon meeting, which will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. These meetings will be held at Denny's Restaurant on the north side of Highway 50 (College Town Drive) westerly of Howe Avenue. Adjacent parking is available.

Our meeting presentations this past quarter were: Video of the 2007 Dayton Hamvention; Video of amateur radio moon bounce, including moon bounce QSOs on CW and Phone. Presentation by Norm Wilson, N6JV, of a IOTA (Islands On The Air) activation of a rare XE island.

We start gathering at 11 AM for a no-host lunch. Lunch starts at 11:15 AM and the meeting starts at 12:15 PM. We try to end all sessions no later than 1:30 PM. YLs are always welcome. For further information please contact our Secretary, Gary Stilwell, KI6T, at (916) 961-6659 or our President, Jim Jolly, W6RWI, at (916) 966-2244

***Gary Stilwell, KI6T, Secretary/Treasurer***



***Guest speaker Norm Wilson, N6JV (L), and Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Gary Stilwell, KI6T (R).***

## **Chapter 188, Lost River (OR)**

Winter greetings from QCWA Lost River Chapter 188 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. We had a very white Christmas and it was welcome after several mild winters.

Our group continues to meet at Sam's Restaurant each third Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM and everyone seems to enjoy the companionship.

We voted as new Vice President, Phil Rand, W7BW, at our December meeting. Phil has been a faithful member and much help at times in the past, and will be a wonderful Officer.

We are sorry to report that Tom Brooks, NV7N, became a Silent Key in November. He had been a member of the Lost River Chapter since we chartered in

November 1993, and he had been licensed for 65 years. We will miss you, Tom.

Our Chapter is a friendly bunch and would welcome any visitors to our area, so if you are traveling out in our area, please feel free to stop in for lunch.

***Carolyn Brooks, AB7ET, President***

## **Chapter 190, Silver State (NV)**

Well let's catch up on our activities over the past few months. On the second Saturday in each of the odd numbered months, we get together for brunch, held at the Black Bear Diner here in Reno, with about fifteen in attendance. We catch up on the latest happenings around the Reno Area, let all the people in attendance know of any upcoming QCWA events, and promote the name badges, QSL cards and so forth to benefit all the Organization. If you're in Reno, always feel free to stop by at 10:00 on that Saturday.

December is always the best part of our year. Held again this year at Famous Murphy's Restaurant, was our 14th annual Christmas event. This year marked the fourth year in a row at this location. We are lucky to have a room holding fifty people all to ourselves each time. Cocktails began at 6:00 PM, with a couple of early members already there when we came in to set up the banner and registration table. A wonderful happy hour was well received and our servers were very pleasant. Dinner choices were the house specialty of prime rib or roasted chicken. After our wonderful dinner was served, a delicious ice cream dessert called Mud Pie topped off the meal. During the happy hour, Larry, W7AB, and myself Don, W7FD, sold raffle tickets for the many wonderful items that had been donated and purchased for us to use at the dinner. This year we had the most ever. We had



***(Left to right) Dale Anderson, KV7S; Gary, K7VY; and Vice President, Larry, W7AB, holding the Ham-Of-The-Year sculpture.***

# CHAPTER REPORTS

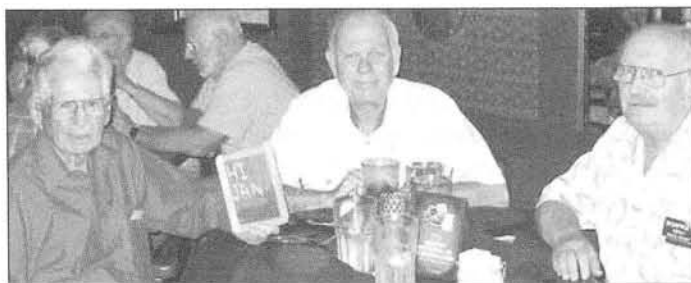
prizes from a bird house, an emergency road kit, many amateur-related books, all the way to a miniature code key. The Chapter wishes to thank HRO in Oakland for the discount they gave us on their items. At the end of the dinner we give out our yearly awards, and this year was no exception. This year no one in the Chapter qualified for any of the normal QCWA awards. But the Silver State Chapter does do a Ham of the Year award from the Chapter. This year it was presented by two-year-ago winner Gary Grant, K7VY, to the 2007 winner, Dale Anderson, KV7S, who has been helping anybody, any club and anything for several years. We hope that he enjoys the Award which is a custom-made sculpture of a ham operator and a yagi antenna. This was made by Steve Appel at boltpeople.com. In the picture Dale, KV7S, is to the far left, Gary, K7VY, in middle, and Vice President, Larry, W7AB, holding sculpture is to right. For those who wish to view all the party pictures, we have a great web site up with lots of information and pictures. Go to [www.qcwachapter190.org](http://www.qcwachapter190.org) to see all the Chapter's events. Some Chapter business was transacted and nominations for new Officers have been placed into the next year's agenda. The final item for this report is the remembrance of Max Cornell, KOMC, who quickly left us in early 2007. Here's to looking at 2008 as the best of years yet to come for Chapter 190.

**Don Freeman, W7FD, President**

## Chapter 196, Edison (FL)

The past quarter has been good to us at Chapter 196. A formal written request to join our Chapter was sent in by Wyatt Mc Daniel, W8HDT. "Mac" is now our newest member and we all welcome him to our Chapter. He chose to become affiliated with us instead of being a member at large. Thanks Mac!

In the process of chatting on the air, I invited WA2JNM, Don Cole, to visit with us at a luncheon. Don



(Left to right) W4SEM, W4LWE, W4MWZ.



(Standing left to right) WA4PAM, W8SZU, WA9JMO, and seated WB2FAV.



WA8LRC and Joyce.

recently became active in ham radio again after many years of being too busy with other interests. Don is also a new member of our Chapter and he wants to be active and contribute as best he can to our Organization. Don is a professor at Hodges University in Naples and Fort Myers, Florida. Welcome aboard Don!

National QCWA Treasurer, Frank Harris, WA4PAM, made a report to us about the Denver Convention and the scholarship program. Frank requested to become affiliated with our Chapter and we were delighted to add him to our roster of active members. It takes Frank an hour and a half to drive to our luncheons but he says it is well worth the trip. Thanks Frank!

Larry Mc Calvy, WA9JMO, is one of our National



KE4PIE, WA4GUK, WA2JNM, W4M

Directors and he visits us once a year while vacationing on Sanibel Island. Larry talked to us about the next convention cruise. We also discussed the upcoming election and encouraged all members to send in their ballots.

Our dear friend and Chapter Secretary Jan Scheuerman, WA2YL, has been feeling under the weather lately and she has missed a couple of luncheons. All of our members wished her well with a special group of pictures from our luncheon. (Ed note: At time of publication QCWA is saddened to report that Janice passed away in December 2007).

**Tad Burik, K3QC, President**

## **Chapter 205, Eastern Indiana (IN)**

Members of Eastern Indiana Chapter 205 regularly meet every third Saturday of the month at the Kirk-Little Post of the VFW in Richmond at 8:00 AM for breakfast prior to our meeting. Guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you are visiting in this area, please stop by and say hello.

Club officers for 2008 are: Board of Directors: Ron Showalter Jr., KA9EEA; Wayne Klusman, WA8KAZ; and Jim Eberhart, KC9IKK. Herb McAdams, N9XC, President Emeritus; Mike Chambers, W1IDX, President; Vice-President, Horace Smith, W9PPD; Larry Townsend, WA8ULO, Secretary; and Don Cook, K9GT was elected Treasurer.

Our Chapter continues to grow and we now have a web page courtesy of Whitewater Valley ARC, our local ham club. Our website is located at [www.73se.com/wvarc/qcwa.htm](http://www.73se.com/wvarc/qcwa.htm). Our Chapter also operates a net at 8:00 PM local time on the first Monday of the month on 147.045+ MHz (131.8) and all hams in the area are invited to check in.

**Mike Chambers, W1IDX, President**

## **Chapter 212, Mid-Ohio (OH)**

After taking the Summer off, Chapter 212 resumed its meetings. The Chapter meets at Donato's Pizza, 1815 Brice Road, Columbus at 7:30 pm the last Tuesday of the month.

Chapter President Fritz Tender, WD8E, would like to welcome new Chapter members Ralph Winkler, WD8BBE, and Franklin R. "Russ" Payne, W8ATA, to the group. The December meeting discussion led to several ideas about how to increase our Chapter membership and action on these ideas will be implemented in 2008.

**Bob Cashdollar, NR8U, Secretary**

## **Chapter 213, Fresno (CA)**

Our Chapter now has 42 members. We have our monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday at Noon at Carrow's Restaurant, 4480 N. Blackstone in Fresno. All QCWA members are welcome to attend if they are in the Fresno, California area on our meeting day. Chapter Officers for 2008 are President, Pat Fennacy, W6YEP; Vice President, Paul Sullivan, W6VPS; Secretary/Treasurer, Charles McConnell, W6DPD; and Directors, Perry Foster, K6XJ; and Jim Erbe, WA6NIF. Ed Cutler, KC6LPL, was presented a 75-Year Certificate and Steve Weber, W6QON, received a 70-Year Certificate.

**Charles McConnell, W6DPD, Secretary/ Treasurer**

## **Chapter 220, Coos Bay (OR)**

Southern Oregon Coast Chapter 220 continues to grow, with new members AA7AZ, N2LR, K7BAA, K7MI and WA7WLY. We have doubled our membership since we received our Charter in June.

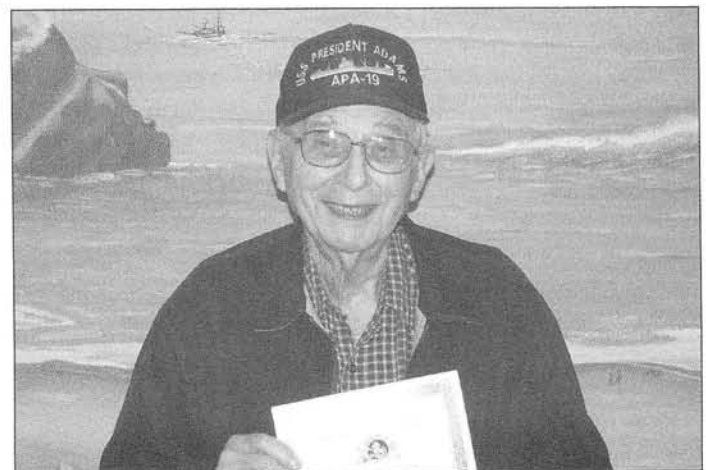
Dr. Len Rosen, N2LR, received his QCWA 70-Year Certificate.

Larry, K7MI, lost stacked beams and the upper portion of one of his 130-foot towers during the December wind-storm that hit the Oregon coast. Several other beams were badly damaged. You can see his station and the other towers at <http://www.k7mi.com/>

We have our very informal breakfast meetings at the Minute Café in Bandon at 9am on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Visiting QCWA members and their spouses are always welcome.

Our web site is <http://www.geocities.com/qcwa220/>

**Ron Oliver, W7VU, Secretary**



**Dr. Len Rosen, N2LR, with his QCWA 70-Year Certificate.**



# QSO PARTY RESULTS!

**Certificate Winners: QCWA Fall QSO Party, Sept 15/16, 2007 • 51 years of QSO Parties**

| Call    | Name            | Location        | Chapter | Rank             | Category    |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|-------------|
| W5KL    | Buddy Smith     | Wirtz, VA       | Ch 202  | Highest Score    | CW/ Digital |
| K1GGI   | Ed Moxon        | Harwich, MA     | Ch 138  | 2nd Highest      | CW/Digital  |
| AB2N    | Arnold Peterson | Lincroft, NJ    | Ch 138  | 3rd Highest      | CW/Digital  |
| WBOVBW  | John Nesladek   | Monroe, SD      | Ch 102  | Highest Score    | Phone       |
| W8EK    | Ken Simpson     | Ocala, FL       | Ch 62   | 2nd Highest      | Phone       |
| K4WYS   | Sonny Hood      | Chesapeake, VA  | Ch 119  | 3rd Highest      | Phone       |
| VE3CT   | Croft Taylor    | Kanata, ON      | Ch 70   | Highest Score    | Mixed       |
| VE3BNO  | George Roach    | Ottawa, ON      | Ch 70   | 2nd Highest      | Mixed       |
| W8I I I | Dave Burk       | Delton, MI      | Ch 10   | 3rd Highest      | Mixed       |
| VE3ILE  | Bill Catlendar  | Scarborough, ON | Ch 73   | Highest Canadian | CW/Digital  |
| VE3HKG  | Frances Roach   | Ottawa, ON      | Ch 70   | Highest Canadian | Phone       |

## **Special Thanks**

To Chapter 58 who not only gave us a great Convention in Denver but supplied the operators for W2MM for our 2007 QSO Parties. And once again, thanks to our log checker, Bob Buus, W2OD, for a job well done.

## **Chapter Participation**

13 Chapters managed to have 2 or more Chapter members participate in the Fall QSO Party. A special mention to Chapters 70(8), 130(5), 202(5), 62(3), 119(3) and 162(3).

## **QSO Party Rules Change!**

I am sure you have looked at the "Frequencies - 15 Bands may be used " heading from time to time and scratched your head a bit..This table was established several years ago from the FCC Part 97 Privileges which established the amateur bandplan in use at the time in the United States..Both the privileges and the bandplan have changed over the years. Also we added the "MIXED" category to our QSO Party Rules. When the last ARRL bandplan was published last year Bob Buus and I took a look at this "Frequency" table and decided we could live with it for the fall party, but would update it for 2008. At the same time Bob, after several years of checking the party logs had identified a mistake in the way some people were interpreting the "multiplier" rule which he would have to correct. A little re-wording of that paragraph may save Bob some work. Surprisingly, the changes will make no difference in how the contest has been running for the last several years....It just brings the terminology up to date.

## **Cheers...**

And we sure would like to hear a few more QCWA members on the air during the QCWA QSO Parties. The biggest advertisement we have is filling the airwaves with amateurs calling "CQ QCWA". That lets a lot of Amateurs know we are there and wonder what "QCWA" is all about...And we have fun doing it!

**George Roach, VE3BNO**

## PHONE: QCWA September 2007

| Call   | Name    | Chapter | Total Score |
|--------|---------|---------|-------------|
| WBOVBW | John    | 102     | 1711        |
| W8EK   | Ken     | 62      | 1240        |
| K4WYS  | Sonny   | 119     | 621         |
| KF5LO  | Ted     | 72      | 437         |
| N5CFM  | Skip    | 63      | 380         |
| KF6JG  | John    | 49      | 288         |
| WB8GIP | Jim     | 195     | 224         |
| WQ4CWA | Barry   | 119     | 180         |
| VE3HKG | Frances | 70      | 170         |
| VE3NPC | Clare   | 70      | 77          |
| K4HBI  | Mike    | 49      | 35          |
| W9NVK  | Ed      | 162     | 24          |
| AD7GR  | Ed      | 108     | 8           |
| WA3KFT | John    | 166     | 6           |
| WA9JMO | Larry   | 162     | 4           |
| W6DPD  | Chuck   | 213     | 4           |
| VE3ZC  | Joan    | 70      | 4           |
| W2AS   | Alan    | 45      | 2           |
| VA3OEB | Ernie   | 70      | 1           |
| VE4AHZ | Jack    | 70      | 1           |
| VE1HU  | Claude  | NB      | 1           |

### Headquarters Station:

|      |              |    |      |
|------|--------------|----|------|
| W2MM | Carl, WH6ANH | 58 | 1404 |
|      | Skip, WB0BBE | 58 | 504  |

## CW/DIGITAL: QCWA September 2007

| Call   | Name    | Chapter | Tot. Score |
|--------|---------|---------|------------|
| W5KL   | Buddy   | 202     | 3200       |
| K1GGI  | Ed      | 138     | 2600       |
| AB2N   | Arnold  | 138     | 1092       |
| WB4DCM | Charles | 126     | 714        |
| W6RWI  | James   | 169     | 714        |
| K4UK   | Stan    | 202     | 650        |
| W6HG   | Hugh    | 130     | 588        |
| N6SL   | Ben     | 62      | 480        |
| W6HV   | Troy    | 130     | 468        |
| K8VFR  | Rose    | 10      | 408        |
| VE3ILE | Bill    | 73      | 374        |
| W3FZV  | Phil    | 16      | 324        |
| W4TJE  | Jack    | 126     | 308        |
| W6QHD  | Jay     | 130     | 286        |
| W8KYD  | Ron     | 1       | 168        |
| W4ZPR  | Jack    | 119     | 98         |
| VE3OBU | Bert    | 73      | 72         |
| K6SS   | Len     | 130     | 64         |
| W9HR   | Al      | 162     | 60         |
| WA8MWA | Carolyn | OH      | 50         |
| VA3ZBB | Rod     | 70      | 40         |
| W3OOJ  | Mac     | 5       | 40         |
| W6TCY  | Bill    | 130     | 30         |
| W4AGI  | Vic     | 202     | 24         |
| AD5MH  | Dave    | 63      | 18         |
| WW2DDM | Stan    | 202     | 6          |

## MIXED: QCWA September 2007

| Call   | Name   | Chapter | Total Score |
|--------|--------|---------|-------------|
| VE3CT  | Croft  | 70      | 23885       |
| VE3BNO | George | 70      | 2523        |
| W8III  | Dave   | 10      | 648         |
| W4VIC  | Vic    | 119     | 481         |
| W4YE   | Leland | 202     | 455         |
| W5GVP  | Tom    | 72      | 432         |
| W2CVW  | Ed     | 138     | 184         |
| N4ARO  | Dick   | 182     | 105         |
| N4US   | Ron    | 62      | 66          |

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# QSO Party Results

## Rules for the 52nd Annual Spring & Fall QCWA QSO Parties

All licensed Radio Amateurs world wide are invited to participate in the QCWA QSO Parties. Time/Dates: The Spring QSO party commences on April 5, 2008 and the Fall Party on September 20, 2008.

They start at 1800 Z and run for a period of 24 Hours. CW, Phone, and digital modes may be used.

### Frequencies: The following 10 Bands may be used:

|             |                 |             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>160:</b> | 1.800 - 2.000   | <b>6:</b>   | 50.000 - 54.000 |
| <b>80:</b>  | 3.500 - 4.000   | <b>144:</b> | 144.0 - 148.0   |
| <b>40:</b>  | 7.000 - 7.300   | <b>220:</b> | 222.0 - 224.0   |
| <b>15:</b>  | 21.000 - 21.450 | <b>UHF:</b> | above 420 MHz   |
| <b>20:</b>  | 14.000 - 14.350 |             |                 |
| <b>10:</b>  | 28.000 - 29.700 |             |                 |

Any station may be contacted once per mode per band. Remember we consider CW as a digital mode, so if you work a station both on CW and on a digital mode you can only score one of the contacts. Any station in your home QCWA Chapter may be counted only once for a maximum of one QSO per station. No contacts are permitted on the 10, 18 and 24 MHz. bands, nor are cross band or Repeater Contacts allowed.

### Suggested Starting Frequencies:

**CW:** 1.810; 3.540; 7.035; 14.040; 21.050; 28.050  
**Phone:** 1.845; 3.890; 7.244; 14.262; 21.365; 28.325

**Information Exchange:** Fill Columns on the Log Form. For the "year" column, indicate the last 2 digits of the year the contacted operator was first licensed. If that station does not belong to a QCWA Chapter show only the State, Province or Country of its location. The latter would apply to non-QCWA members as well as to QCWA members not affiliated with a local chapter. Do not mention the term "At Large" (AL) as was done several years ago, as this can be confused with AL for Alabama. For Band info, simply indicate one of the above 10 Bands in the "band" column.

**Categories:** You may choose to work all modes (MIXED ) or only (PHONE) or only (CW/DIGITAL). Certificates will be issued for each Category of "Cw/digital", "Phone", or "Mixed" .

**Scoring:** Each Phone QSO is worth one contact point. Each CW QSO or a Digital Mode QSO such as RTTY, PSK31, MFSK etc. is worth 2 contact points (show 2 points in the QSO "Pts" Column on the Log). Regardless of band or mode a multiplier of only one point per contest is allowed for each QCWA Chapter worked and for each state, Province or Country reported from stations not belonging to a QCWA Chapter. A Multiplier of 3 points will be given on each band for working our Special Events Station W2MM. It is hoped to have this station active throughout the two parties. Stations within 50 miles (80 Kms) of W2MM may work W2MM only once for a total multiplier of 3 points. Sample logs and a summary sheet may be requested from QCWA Headquarters with an SASE. The address is PO Box 3247 Framingham, MA 01705-3247, USA. They are also on the internet at [www.qcwa.org](http://www.qcwa.org). (In 2008 W2MM will be in Virginia Beach, VA.)

**Awards:** Certificates will be issued for the top 3 World Scores in each category. A certificate will also be issued for the top score in each category in each participating Country.

**Send Logs to:** W2OD, Robert Buus, 8 Donner Street, HOLMDEL, N.J., 07733-2004, U.S.A. or as an e-mail attachment to: [w2od@aol.com](mailto:w2od@aol.com)  
Rules/logsheets/summary forms are available at website: <http://www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm>

**Summary Paragraph:** In order to assist the log checker, please include, along with your logs, a summary Paragraph as shown below.

### QSO'S

### CONTACT POINTS

|                       |     |             |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------|
| CW Contacts (Digital) | X 2 | = _____     |
| Phone Contacts        | X 1 | = _____     |
| Total Contact Points  |     | = _____ (A) |
| Multipliers           |     | = _____ (B) |
| Total Score = A x B   |     | = _____     |

Send your log along with the above summary paragraph to the address mentioned above within 30 days of the QSO Party. All participants are encouraged to send in logs no matter how few or how many contacts you have made.

**CATEGORY** CW/DIGITAL ( ) PHONE ( ) MIXED ( )



# New Members

# Spring 2008

| Date       | Mem. # | Name                    | Call   | City             | ST/PR | SPONSOR           | SCALL  |
|------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|------------------|-------|-------------------|--------|
| 10/16/2007 | 34147  | STRAUSS, GARY L         | WB8BUW | ORLANDO          | FL    | JAMES F BISHOP    | W8JFB  |
| 10/16/2007 | 34148  | JAQUA, RICHARD ALLEN    | WBOCKN | CANTON           | SD    | THOMAS M WILSON   | NIOI   |
| 10/16/2007 | 34149  | MOBLEY, RICHARD MICHAEL | AL7B   | ANCHORAGE        | AK    | -                 | -      |
| 10/16/2007 | 34150  | JACOBS, KENNETH H       | N6NLG  | REDLANDS         | CA    | -                 | -      |
| 10/17/2007 | 34151  | KAWAMURA, LESLIE        | VE6ET  | CALGARY          | AB    | KEN OELKE         | VE6AFO |
| 10/17/2007 | 34152  | PARSEAU, PAUL H         | W5RIB  | ARLINGTON        | TX    | VICTOR TED MARTIN | KF5LO  |
| 10/17/2007 | 34153  | DE ROSIER, GEORGE L     | WA1SPY | NORTH ADAMS      | MA    | -                 | -      |
| 10/17/2007 | 34154  | LARSEN, PETER L         | K7BAA  | BANDON           | OR    | RON OLIVER        | W7VU   |
| 10/17/2007 | 34155  | WAY, C EDWARD           | K9WAY  | FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS | IL    | BILL BELL         | W9BEL  |
| 10/18/2007 | 34156  | RAE, JAMES C            | W1RAE  | LUDLOW           | MA    | -                 | -      |
| 10/18/2007 | 34157  | RAE, LUCY A             | W1HOT  | LUDLOW           | MA    | -                 | -      |
| 10/19/2007 | 34158  | HAMM, DAVID E           | KC3VI  | SEVERN           | MD    | -                 | -      |
| 10/19/2007 | 34159  | KOCH, WILLIAM IRVIN, SR | W3LU   | CHESTER          | MD    | -                 | -      |
| 10/19/2007 | 34160  | GILCREST, KENNETH J     | AB7KT  | LAS VEGAS        | NV    | -                 | -      |
| 10/19/2007 | 34161  | BUBA, RICHARD           | N1BNS  | ANDOVER          | MA    | -                 | -      |
| 10/19/2007 | 34162  | KNIGHT, DOUGLAS A       | K0MTT  | ELDRIDGE         | IA    | -                 | -      |
| 10/19/2007 | 34163  | COX, RICHARD J          | KA1EFZ | SALEM            | MA    | -                 | -      |
| 10/25/2007 | 34164  | CORDERMAN, ALLAN B      | WB1EFN | GEORGETOWN       | ME    | STEPHEN KERCEL    | AA4AK  |
| 10/25/2007 | 34165  | LACOURSE, JAMES M       | K4IH   | VENICE           | FL    | JACK SPROAT       | W4JS   |
| 10/25/2007 | 34166  | EASTER, JAMES D         | WA0AFB | HOLLISTER        | MO    | CAROLYN HARRISON  | WB0OUM |
| 10/26/2007 | 34167  | COOK, ROBERT H          | VE3LQ  | SCARBOROUGH      | ON    | JIM TRAYES        | VE3FMT |
| 10/26/2007 | 34168  | MC GRANTHAM, GERALD J   | N2EII  | LANOKA HARBOR    | NJ    | -                 | -      |
| 10/26/2007 | 34169  | SPARKS, RAYMOND MICHAEL | W5TMO  | AUSTIN           | TX    | -                 | -      |
| 10/29/2007 | 34170  | JUSTIS, DAVID L         | KN0S   | WICOMICO         | VA    | AVERY FINN        | KOHLA  |
| 10/29/2007 | 34171  | SCHINDLER, ANDREW M     | K1AMS  | NIANTIC          | CT    | JAMES CULLEY      | K1LBE  |
| 10/29/2007 | 34172  | COLE, DONALD G          | WA2JNM | CAPE CORAL       | FL    | -                 | -      |
| 10/29/2007 | 34173  | HAWK, MIKE              | KB4CAU | HAMPTON          | VA    | VIC CULVER        | W4VK   |
| 10/29/2007 | 34174  | HALE, JOHN W            | A14QQ  | WILLIAMSBURG     | VA    | JOHN B JOHNSTON   | W3BE   |
| 10/29/2007 | 34175  | STUTEVILLE, RUE O, JR   | KA4PLH | NORFOLK          | VA    | BARRY PRIDDY      | K5VIP  |
| 10/29/2007 | 34176  | SHANNON, JOHN           | W8JS   | MANTUA           | OH    | -                 | -      |
| 10/30/2007 | 34177  | MONTY, DAVID A          | WD6DIX | SUNLAND          | CA    | ARCHIE WILLIS     | W6LPJ  |
| 10/30/2007 | 34178  | COWAN, WILLIAM A        | W7COZ  | SANTAQUIN        | UT    | -                 | -      |
| 10/31/2007 | 34179  | OWEN, JOHN VIC          | KB7GL  | KIRKLAND         | WA    | -                 | -      |
| 11/2/2007  | 34180  | HARVEY, JAMES           | KA8DDQ | LANSING          | MI    | DON TILLITSON     | WB8NUS |
| 11/2/2007  | 34181  | JOHNSON, RICHARD ALLEN  | KE5RAC | MIDWEST CITY     | OK    | VAL L ERWIN       | W5PUT  |
| 11/2/2007  | 34182  | SALAMANCHUK, MARY       | KL7JEF | ANCHORAGE        | AK    | -                 | -      |
| 11/5/2007  | 34183  | LYNCH, DANIEL M         | K0UIF  | MONUMENT         | CO    | -                 | -      |
| 11/5/2007  | 34184  | KENYON, RICHARD D, JR   | KL7XA  | DONALSONVILLE    | GA    | -                 | -      |
| 11/6/2007  | 34185  | FISHER, AL              | AD5XT  | ALLEN            | TX    | VAL L ERWIN       | W5PUT  |
| 11/9/2007  | 34186  | WACHTER, ERNEST         | N7SD   | LAKELAND         | FL    | -                 | -      |
| 11/9/2007  | 34187  | TORELLO, BRUCE          | K2RPM  | WOODBIDGE        | CT    | -                 | -      |
| 11/13/2007 | 34188  | CARLSON, IRVING E       | KA9CND | CHICAGO          | IL    | -                 | -      |
| 11/13/2007 | 34189  | BUSH, DONALD E, JR      | KL7JFT | WASILLA          | AK    | CRAIG BLEDSOE     | KL4E   |
| 11/13/2007 | 34190  | FRANZ, DANIEL           | WD0GUP | COTTAGE GROVE    | MN    | -                 | -      |
| 11/13/2007 | 34191  | SHIELDS, WILLIAM L      | W7KWR  | THERMOPOLIS      | WY    | DONALD R MILLER   | K7TFW  |
| 11/13/2007 | 34192  | BREMERS, ROLAND M       | W0AYR  | OMAHA            | NE    | DICK NEWSOME      | W0HXL  |
| 11/13/2007 | 34193  | MOORE, EWAN             | N4LMI  | BONIFAY          | FL    | -                 | -      |
| 11/14/2007 | 34194  | LAUGHEAD, MALCOLM H, JR | WB3FVT | SPRING GROVE     | PA    | RAY SHAUB         | W3AXC  |
| 11/14/2007 | 34195  | SCHLUND, STEVE          | K9YZ   | WAUSAU           | WI    | -                 | -      |
| 11/16/2007 | 34196  | IN, PAUL W              | KI6EL  | ROSEMEAD         | CA    | VI BARRETT        | W6CBA  |
| 11/19/2007 | 34197  | HENDRIX, STEVE          | KA0DEK | SALINA           | KS    | ALVIN WIECHMAN    | W0ME   |
| 11/19/2007 | 34198  | TUCKER, MATT            | N6EAJ  | ESCONDIDO        | CA    | -                 | -      |

## New Members continued

| Date       | Mem. # | Name                   | Call   | City           | ST/PR | SPONSOR             | SCALL  |
|------------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------------|-------|---------------------|--------|
| 11/19/2007 | 34199  | ZINGEL, FRITZ          | KA2FCG | SHOHOLO        | PA    | -                   | -      |
| 11/20/2007 | 34200  | RUBIN, JOSEPH          | W4CBJ  | CORTEZ         | FL    | BART BRIDGE         | W2ZYQ  |
| 11/20/2007 | 34201  | HEROD, MIKE            | KJ0R   | CANTON         | GA    | SUE A SIMPSON       | N8AJU  |
| 11/20/2007 | 34202  | SCHUBERT, SANDRA C     | KM4KM  | BLUE RIDGE     | GA    | SUE A SIMPSON       | N8AJU  |
| 11/20/2007 | 34203  | REDMON, TOM            | W4MVP  | ATLANTA        | GA    | KEN SIMPSON         | W8EK   |
| 11/20/2007 | 34204  | HEITNER, JOEL          | W1EPX  | MARIETTA       | GA    | KEN SIMPSON         | W8EK   |
| 11/26/2007 | 34205  | MOORE, MELVIN R        | NM8L   | GRAYLING       | MI    | JAMES F BISHOP      | W8JFB  |
| 11/30/2007 | 34206  | KATZ, JEFFREY S        | N1CLW  | WEST HARTFORD  | CT    | -                   | -      |
| 11/30/2007 | 34207  | DALTON, BOB            | AA4C   | GRAHAM         | NC    | -                   | -      |
| 11/30/2007 | 34208  | MILLER, ALVARDO J      | WA4PVE | ORLANDO        | FL    | ALFRED LA PETER, JR | W2AS   |
| 12/2/2007  | 34209  | STEIN, RANDALL C       | KL7TJZ | SCOTIA         | NY    | -                   | -      |
| 12/4/2007  | 34210  | BURGHARDT, DOUGLAS M   | N9KG   | HARTFORD       | WI    | -                   | -      |
| 12/4/2007  | 34211  | MC CARTY, DANNY O      | WA5KRP | SAN ANTONIO    | TX    | BILL MINTON         | AA5HI  |
| 12/4/2007  | 34212  | MEDDERS, DAVID E       | K5PL   | DALLAS         | TX    | -                   | -      |
| 12/4/2007  | 34213  | PUGH, MICHAEL O        | KA4MKG | LEXINGTON      | KY    | DAVE VEST           | KZ4G   |
| 12/4/2007  | 34214  | COTTON, GORDON M       | VE9GC  | NOTRE DAME     | NB    | -                   | -      |
| 12/5/2007  | 34215  | HANSON, CURTIS D       | NU0I   | FAIRFIELD      | IA    | -                   | -      |
| 12/10/2007 | 34216  | SHAVER, DANNY          | N5NBK  | LAKE KIOWA     | TX    | SKIP AMIS           | N5CFM  |
| 12/10/2007 | 34217  | GUYER, EDITH L         | KF5OZ  | MOORE          | OK    | HAL GUYER           | NX5A   |
| 12/10/2007 | 34218  | SMITH, DORIOUS J       | WA7WLY | COOS BAY       | OR    | RON OLIVER          | W7VU   |
| 12/11/2007 | 34219  | REYNOLDS, DAVID E      | KE7QF  | EVANSVILLE     | WY    | TIM BACHMEIER       | AB7BJ  |
| 12/11/2007 | 34220  | GILLESPIE, LARRY       | K7MI   | BANDON         | OR    | RON OLIVER          | W7VU   |
| 12/11/2007 | 34221  | DUNHAM, JERRY L        | KE4EE  | BLANCHESTER    | OH    | -                   | -      |
| 12/11/2007 | 34222  | KESSLER, GERALD M      | N4JL   | TALLAHASSEE    | FL    | EVELYN D GAUZENS    | W4WYR  |
| 12/12/2007 | 34223  | SHORT, CHARLES RICHARD | W6NOF  | MYRTLE POINT   | OR    | RON OLIVER          | W7VU   |
| 12/13/2007 | 34224  | LICHT, STEPHEN A       | WF2S   | BATAVIA        | NY    | PETER T LIAROS      | K2RSK  |
| 12/13/2007 | 34225  | ULLMANN, HERBERT       | AF4JF  | ST PETERS      | MO    | -                   | -      |
| 12/17/2007 | 34226  | FIRESTONE, RICHARD D   | WR3F   | COLUMBIA       | MD    | JOHN B JOHNSTON     | W3BE   |
| 12/17/2007 | 34227  | CLARK, EARL L          | K8BHP  | DETROIT        | MI    | -                   | -      |
| 12/17/2007 | 34228  | TRAUGHBER, KRISTIN M   | N0JHL  | EDEN PRAIRIE   | MN    | THOMAS P TRAUGHBER  | W0ZX   |
| 12/17/2007 | 34229  | HELLER, MARK           | WB9WRT | TWO RIVERS     | WI    | -                   | -      |
| 12/17/2007 | 34230  | ELDER, ROBERT H        | K7EMS  | POWELL         | WY    | TIM BACHMEIER       | AB7BJ  |
| 12/17/2007 | 34231  | RIPLINGER, JOSEPH E    | W4ONC  | NORFOLK        | VA    | -                   | -      |
| 12/18/2007 | 34232  | PRUITT, HURSHL L       | WB5MEX | YORKTOWN       | TX    | LEROY V ROEVER      | WA5BXH |
| 12/18/2007 | 34233  | WILSON, GARY D         | WA8DAF | CLEWISTON      | FL    | FRANK C HARRIS      | WA4PAM |
| 12/21/2007 | 34234  | LAKKONEN, WILLIAM      | N4BKT  | STUART         | FL    | KEN SIMPSON         | W8EK   |
| 12/21/2007 | 34235  | SMITH, THOMAS A        | KK4TA  | OKEECHOBEE     | FL    | KEN SIMPSON         | W8EK   |
| 12/26/2007 | 34236  | PRICE, TIMOTHY GEORGE  | KA3CKS | WATERFORD      | PA    | CYNTHIA L RUSHTON   | WB3CNJ |
| 12/26/2007 | 34237  | SMITH, DOUGLAS C       | K4OAP  | LOS GATOS      | CA    | -                   | -      |
| 12/26/2007 | 34238  | OLIVER, DAVID NEIL     | W7DNO  | ORANGEVALE     | CA    | -                   | -      |
| 12/26/2007 | 34239  | ANDERSON, DALE         | KV7S   | MINDEN         | NV    | -                   | -      |
| 12/26/2007 | 34240  | KLUCK, ROBERT          | N4IJS  | ERLANGER       | KY    | -                   | -      |
| 12/26/2007 | 34241  | HERMAN, EDWARD J       | KA7NKX | CORRALES       | NM    | -                   | -      |
| 12/26/2007 | 34242  | EYRE, EVERETT A        | WA4TXY | FORT MYERS     | FL    | -                   | -      |
| 12/26/2007 | 34243  | FOX, JOHN C            | W0LER  | COON RAPIDS    | MN    | RICHARD K PHILSTROM | W0TLE  |
| 12/26/2007 | 34244  | FISHER, THOMAS H       | W4OEQ  | MC MINNVILLE   | TN    | -                   | -      |
| 12/26/2007 | 34245  | QUICK, HOMER L         | ND8F   | HIRAM          | GA    | -                   | -      |
| 12/27/2007 | 34246  | WIKSTROM, JOHN A       | K4AST  | CHRISTIANSBURG | VA    | -                   | -      |
| 12/27/2007 | 34247  | PFEIFFER, BRUCE R      | N7CPP  | CARSON CITY    | NV    | -                   | -      |
| 12/28/2007 | 34248  | STARK, ROBERT G        | W5IPN  | OLNEY          | TX    | -                   | -      |
| 12/31/2007 | 34249  | FULLINGIM, JOHN P      | WN5PFI | DALLAS         | TX    | MONT O'LEARY        | K0YCN  |

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# "Geeks"

## **"GEEKS" A Chapterized Book About Growing Up As a Kid Ham in "da Big Apple"**

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### **Part 6: A Practical Joke by a Future Ham**

*continued from the Fall 2007 Journal Issue*

#### **I WONDER WHERE "MISSY" IS?**

It's funny how little things will draw a big picture in one's mind. In February 2004, on the eve of my 62nd birthday I was going through some color slides and happened across some pictures from my 28th birthday. (Yes, I still own an old-fashioned slide projector. Two of them: a 40-year-old Airequipt and a decade-old Vivitar 3000.)

It wasn't the party, but rather the very attractive young woman I was with, that jolted my thoughts. The first of two ladies I dated who had aspirations of a career in the theater. Both wanted to be entertainers. "Lara" (not her real name) whom I would meet a few months later, could sing, dance and act — what producers of musicals call a "triple threat." She still is — and I'll introduce you to her in a few paragraphs. To this day, we remain the closest of friends.

"Missy" (for want of keeping her identity secure) is another story. She was into serious drama and could she ever act. As talented a performer as I have ever met or worked with. And — as regular readers know — over the years I have had that opportunity to meet and/or work with many.

How did I wind up asking "Missy" out on our first date? Well, it's the fall of 1969. A group of us were over at a mutual friend's house in Brooklyn, with me as the center of conversation. I had just come out of a rather devas-

tating relationship and was — for want of a better term — "available." Within minutes everyone had agreed that "Bill" needed a new female companion. I remember our host dialing the phone, talking for a moment, and then calling me over. She handed it to me and smiled.

I really do not recall the exact conversation. In fact, we only talked for a few minutes but I liked the voice I heard on the other end of the twisted-pair and did as expected by the gathered multitude: I asked her to go out with me that coming Saturday evening. She said "yes." We exchanged phone numbers and addresses and set the time for me to pick her up at 7:30.

I took her to a Manhattan East-side eatery called Chuck's Composite intending to follow up with a movie. We wound up hitting it off at dinner and talking for quite a while after we had eaten. That's when I learned about her aspirations to be an actor and she learned mine of producing and/or directing television shows. We seemed to have quite a bit in common — far more than I had expected on a "blind-date."

By the time we left Chuck's, all the movies had begun. Rather than walk in mid-scene, we decided to take a stroll down Broadway and talk. I think this was early November. At least it was not freezing out as it tends to be later on in the New York City winter.

About an hour or so later, we were back at her place and she was showing me the review of the play she had been in. The show — an "off-off-Broadway" production had been "panned" by the critics, but "Missy" had been highlighted out as (paraphrased — as best I can recall) "...the single bright light in an otherwise dark and dreary show." The reviewers liked her and it gave her the kind of confidence needed to go on to the next part.

It was well after 2 a.m. when I left. By then we kind of knew that there was good vibes between us. At least she agreed to go out again the following week. The following Saturday evening as I was walking her home we were talking about a part she was to audition for. To this day I can distinctly remember my words to her:

"Missy: There is no dream that you cannot make come true if you believe in it and in yourself."

I also remember her response: "...thank you. You are so good for my ego. You really do care..."

As I drove home across the Brooklyn Bridge I realized that I was actually happy again.

So what happened? Why did Bill and "Missy" go their separate ways? To be honest, to this day I really can't be 100% certain I can answer this.

I know we dated at least until my birthday because she helped plan the party and there are pictures of the two of us that night. I think that it was a week or two later that she landed another role and got busy in rehearsal. At about the same time, I had a trip to make out to California. When I got back I called, but she was always too busy. And that's when I met Lara and simply stopped trying to re-establish communications with "Missy".

Anyhow, after I found the slides I began wondering about this lady. I knew she had never surfaced in live theater, movies or television — at least by the name I knew her. So I did what we all do these days. I put her real name into the "Google" search engine. There were lots of "hits" on the family name, but none with her given name. Nor could I find any reference to her in the on-line Internet Broadway Database or the Internet Movie Database.

Will I continue this search? Probably not. I admit that I am very curious as to what became of "Missy" and her acting career, but I am also realistic. I know that after 34 years the chances of my finding her are little or none.

And even if I did, I have to ask if — in this day and age of suspicion — would she be inclined to respond? Especially if she turns out to be a celebrity living and working under a "nom de plume."

Then again, as my friend Lara is known to say: "...these are the times that the memories are a lot better than reality. These are the memories that last forever."

## THE TRIPLE THREAT AND ME

After Missy and I parted ways, I became involved with another performer whom, for this narrative, we will call Lara — which I can assure you is not her real name. Unlike Missy, I know exactly where Lara is right now. She is sitting on an airplane out over the Atlantic, probably watching a movie on her iBook, en-route back home after spending the last 12 weeks or so working in Europe. That's where she spent the summer dancing and choreographing. It was Lara being the "thespian" — the "entertainer" — that she was born to be.

Who is Lara? A truly remarkable and very talented woman that became a part of my life in that same cold 1969 winter not long after Missy and I parted ways. She was — and still is — what stage producers call a "triple threat." A title reserved for theater performers like Alfred Molina, Richard Gere and Donna McKechnie, Kristin Chenoweth and the late Mary Martin. People who can sing and dance as well as act — and do all three extremely well.

But back to our story. I met Lara the same way I met Missy. A blind date over the phone thanks to some mutual friends. Lara's dad was a ham so the entourage trying to "set Bill up for life" figured we might just hit it off.

We did — but it had nothing to do with ham radio. And it was more than instant "good karma." We fell "madly in love" on our first date and quickly became what, in today's parlance, are known as "significant others." We were together — to one degree or another — through the spring, summer and into the early fall. And, there have been times I have wondered what might have happened in our lives, had she not landed a part in a pretty bad "off-off-Broadway" musical.

But she did, and as rehearsals took more of her time I saw less and less of her. By early July she found the twice-a-day subway ride to and from Manhattan more than she could handle after 10 to 12 hours of being on her toes. So Lara moved back with one of her girl-

friends in the city. We would see one another on weekends. Even that was OK because we were "in love" and we both knew our strange careers forced sacrifices.

At this point I am going to skip ahead to September. There are no rehearsals Labor Day weekend and she wanted me to take her to the beach. This particular patch of Staten Island sand was kind of our personal "sacred ground", because it is while walking there in that frigid early April, that we first realized how much in love we were.

And it was there that Lara told me we had to part. Not because she did not love me — but — ironically — because she did. Because she knew if I asked her to marry she would have said "yes". She also believed that marriage would get in the way of the career she had prepared herself for since she could walk and put on tap shoes.

That night I took her back to her place, kissed her goodbye and never expected to see her again. So it was with a bit of astonishment when, a few weeks later, she called to invite "me and my date" to her opening night. When I told her that I only needed one ticket because I was not seeing anyone, she cajoled me into bringing a "female companion." So I reluctantly asked the daughter of a neighbor if she would like to go see a musical.

Let me be brutal here. The show was bad — and that's being nice. Lara held her own. In fact, the entire cast tried hard — but it just did not come together.

Afterward my date and I went back to the "Green Room." I had trepidations but I had promised Lara I would show up. Her first words allayed my fears:

"A real stinker, huh..."

"Thanks for saving me the embarrassment of having to tell the truth."

"Hey, we always have been truthful with each other. That's why we will always be friends. I knew it was bad the second week into rehearsal, but I stayed with it because it was a place to start and it paid for the cat's food. We all need a place to start. Good or bad. And who is this with you?"

And that's the way it has been all of these years. Lara never did make it big in musical theater on the "Great White Way," but she has rarely been out of a job. She worked as an actor, singer and dancer until the mid

1970s. Then she did what she swore she never would: She got married. And she was right. It was a big mistake.

Even though Lara "retired" and wed into the "industry," it did not last. Just long enough to produce a daughter who is now grown up, married, and has made Lara a grandmother twice in the past few years.

Lara went back to work in the late 1970s as a dancer/choreographer while raising her only offspring. Her thought was that this kind of work would keep her closer to home while her daughter was growing up and make for a more stable life for both of them. When her daughter went off to college, Lara went "back on the road" doing the "work" she knows best, but this time well away from the lights of New York. As a result, these days she is far better known in Europe than here in the USA. No, not a top name in "the biz" but well known enough that it's best that I do not tell you her real identity. As I said earlier, she asked that it be that way.

It's funny when you have a friend who travels the world. Some years we get to see Lara quite often and other years not at all. It is the nature of the business that she is in. She finally did get a cellular phone, a laptop computer, and e-mail, so she is never more than a "ding-a-ling" or a "mouse click" away.

When she does drop in she is always loaded with the latest photos of her grandchildren and stories of her travels, and her exploits. A true "free spirit" — if you will. Not much different than she was over three decades ago when I met her on that first blind date.

*(Note from Lou Ann Keogh, KB6HP: The preceding story is a highly-abridged version of that wonderful time Lara and I shared in 1969 as described in a much longer story titled "Have Dance Shoes - Will Travel." It was written back in 2002. Now that she has retired from performing, remarried, and is in one place most of the time — Madrid, Spain, to be exact — we are in the process of co-writing it into a two-act stage play. E-mail is wonderful, and I'll let you know if we ever complete it.)*



# Novice History: The New License

Part 1 in a Series for the QCWA Journal

by **Cliff Cheng, Ph.D., WW6CC**, formerly WN6JPA (1975)

Novice Historical Society, [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com)



1952, Ron Baker, WA6AZN, Station.

*Headnote – Many hobbies like amateur radio do not have a well documented “history.” This “history” was compiled from many sources (see end-note); some of them are contradictory. This history is incomplete and should be regarded as a work in progress. There is an absence of YL, minorities, disabled hams, and hams from the U.S. territories in this history, for they are historically under-represented in ham radio.*

This article initiates a multi-part series special to the QCWA Journal on Novice history. In this first article we will discuss the structure of the new license. Most QCWA members started off as a Novice. The Novice license is a very important part of amateur radio history. The FCC issued the Novice license from 1951 to 2000. While the Novice license is no more, many of us have happy memories of when we first discovered the joy of ham radio! As that joy is expressed in the present day, not only do we renew our passion for our great hobby, we educate and socialize newcomers who did not have the experience of getting off to a strong start as a Novice. As a Novice we got the feeling from the older hams that they appreciated the fact we learned the theory and Morse code. They wanted us to succeed as hams. They were very nice to us and went out of their way to help us.

I noticed going to ham meetings over the years, the topic of conversation often included the mention of “gee, what a great time I had as a Novice!” Many of these hams spoke of this time with a hushed reverence. Rather than lament that the Novice license is no more, I started a website called the Novice Historical Society, [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com), as a place where hams who started a Novice could come share their early joys (and misadventures) of their start in our great hobby. Through the website, presentations, and articles such as this series, the Society not only hopes to help re-spark enthusiasm for ham radio in former Novices, but to educate and socialize newer hams who often do not have a historical context for ham radio.

At the time of the printing of this issue, over 60 former novices, mostly evenly spread between the 1950s, 60s, and

70s, and four from the 1980s, shared their stories. Many of them shared photos of their Novice station, first field day, first QSL, first DX QSL, Novice license, even their Novice code test copy paper.

In the history of ham radio, the FCC periodically restructured licenses and privileges. A major restructuring occurred in 1951. On July 1, 1951, the new structure of, lowest to highest, Novice, Technician, Conditional, General, and Amateur Extra Class licenses was introduced. Prior to this the licenses were A, B and C classes.

1951 was the first introduction of the Novice. The Novices license was originally introduced as a one-year, non-renewable license. One could only hold the Novice once. If one had a Novice and did not upgrade before the one-year expiration, one was not allowed to get another Novice. The Novice was a learner's permit in an upward or outward system designed to compel upgrading. The one-year Novice license was so short, the Callbook did not bother to list Novice; probably reasoning once they got the information, printed and distributed it, the one year would be over. This is a fact not known to many Novices of that day who, if they no longer have their Novice license, have a hard time proving they were one.

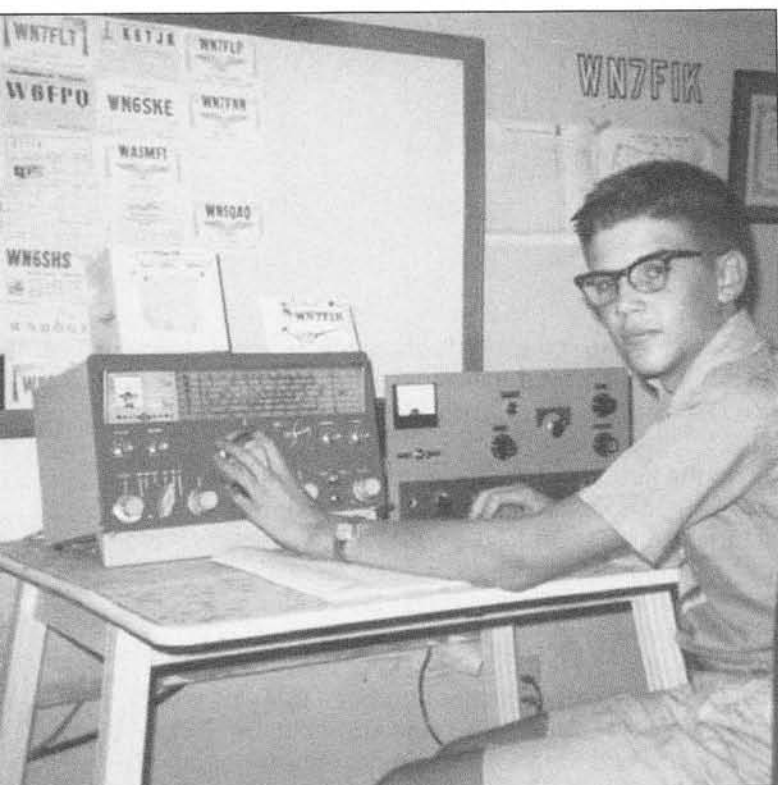
The Novice license changed the demographics of ham radio for it brought teenagers into what had been a predominantly adult hobby. A teenager could earn respect from adult hams who appreciated that the teenager passed the same licensing requirements they did.

The Novice test was originally given by FCC inspectors. Not only was being tested by an FCC inspector intimidating for a teenager, he or she had to get their parent to take them to the exam. FCC Field Offices were located in the largest cities. Exams were also held on a quarterly basis in smaller cities a 1964 FCC examination schedule has been saved onto the Novice Historical Society's website, [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com).

An applicant had to pass five words per minute Morse code receiving and sending test, Element 1A. The receiving test consisted of five minutes of Morse code. To pass, an applicant had to perfectly copy at least one minute of the five minutes. That is, no mistakes were allowed in a one-minute period. The sending test was the same. Typically, the examiner would stop and pass the applicant once they sent one minute perfectly. The written test, Element 2, consisted of 20 questions. The Novice chapter of the 1964 ARRL License Manual is posted on the Novice Historical Society's website, [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com).

As a learner's permit, Novices were strictly limited as to

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Brian Wood, W0DZ

reduce the interference and trouble they could cause. Novices were permitted 75 watts and had to be crystal controlled. They had limited code privileges 3.700 to 3.750mc and for a brief time 26.960 to 27.230mc. They had phone privileges on 2 meters. Since Novices were "rock bound" they had to tune their receivers up or down from their transmitting frequency to listen for other Novices who may not have the same frequency crystal.

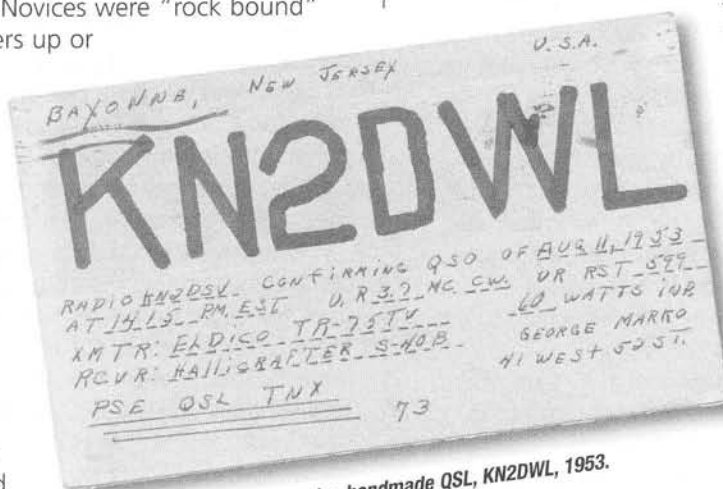
Novices up to 1976 were issued a distinctive 2x3 novice call sign, WN, KN or WV followed by the call district number and three letters. When the Novice upgraded, the new higher license usually had a call sign in which N was dropped, and a "A" or "B" was typically substituted, i.e. WA6###.

Novices in the U.S. territories did not have N call signs. The territories used K prefixes. Novices were given a W prefix. When they upgraded, the W was converted to a K. If you were a Hawaiian Novice in 1976 or before, you would get a WH6###. When you upgraded, the W would have converted to a K.

Further articles in this series will cover the early, mid and late-1950s, early, mid and late-1960s, early, mid and late-1970s, and the 1980s to 2000 when the FCC stopped issuing novices.

*References – See the headnote disclaimer above. Most of the history in this series comes from Bill Continelli, W2XOY, and his amateur radio historical series "The Wayback Machine" <http://ham-shack.com/history.html>. Rodney Dinkins, AC6V's outline was helpful, [www.ac6v.com/](http://www.ac6v.com/). Ron Thomas, W8QYR, wrote an insightful piece on ham radio in the 1950s in October 1995 issue of QST and a similar piece in 2006. In May 1994 issue of QST, Phil Sager, WB4EDT, and Rick Palm, K1CE, wrote a history of ham radio licensing which was a helpful reference for this history. Gordon West, WB6NOA, provided specific details about licensing requirements history on the back of his license study manuals. The Novice stories from this series come from the Novice Historical Society, [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com).*

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George Marko, K2DWL's novice handmade QSL, KN2DWL, 1953.

# A Word From Your QCWA Administration Standing Committee

By Ken Oelke – VE6AFO

Most members don't usually follow the inner workings of the different committees within QCWA. This is quite normal since you, the members elect the Board and Officers to manage the affairs of your Organization. Most don't wish to know about the mundane work of the Organization (usually referred to as politics), however – for those so inclined and interested in the 'behind the scenes' work of their Organization, I would like to share with you some highlights of what this Standing Committee has been doing over the past couple years.

First – I believe it is important for the members to know who serves on this Committee and what the Committees' specific responsibilities are in order to understand what we do and why we are doing them. The Committee consists of both members of the Board as well as members-at-large. The By-Laws require the Chair and Vice-Chair of each Standing Committee to be elected Directors. The President and Vice President both are ex-officio members of each QCWA Standing Committee.

The duties of the Administration Standing Committee consist of the following: Maintain Constitution; Maintain By-Laws; Maintain Director's Guide; Membership lists oversight; NEMSO contract oversight; Parliamentarian; QCWA history oversight.

Chairing the Committee is Director, Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, with Director, Ed Yoder, W3YMB, as Vice-Chair. Ed is also Parliamentarian for the Organization. Other Committee members are Director, Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO; Secretary, Walt Supina, N3WS, with members-at-large Tad Burik, K3QC; Howard Cunningham, WD5DBC; former President Gary Harrison, K0BC, (Gary is also the Historian). Matt Tinker, AA8P, and General Manager, Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD as an advisor.

So what has the Committee been doing over the past couple of years? Since I began chairing this Committee we have been dealing with many small items that pertain to the Director's Guide and some minor changes to the QCWA By-Laws. Below are some highlights of our activities.

a) The Committee reviewed the viability of putting election ballots in the QCWA Journal to save costs. After much discussion, it was determined that it could actually cost more to do this than mailing out ballots to each member.

b) Reviewed By-Laws "ARTICLE VII CHAPTERS, Section 2(d)" – minor changes were approved by the Board and these changes were published in the QCWA Journal for information to the members.

c) Revise and update the duties of the Chapter Relations and Publications Committee.

d) Add new sections to the Director's Guide pertaining to guidelines for the QCWA Web Site and the QCWA Reflector.

e) Review the contract of QCWA General Manager, Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD; and QCWA Journal Editor, Doug Walbridge. The Board approved and renewed the GM's contract for another five (5) years and approved and renewed the Editor's contract for another year – both terms beginning January 1, 2008.

The Board has recently approved a Constitution change which will have to be approved by 2/3 of the members via a ballot vote. To save mailing costs, the ballot will be included with the upcoming election ballot for Directors and Officers for the next 2-year term beginning September 1, 2008.

This is but a snap shot of what the Administration Standing Committee has been doing on behalf the members. If any member wishes to suggest a change to the Constitution – the amendment procedure is presented below.

## ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or by petition submitted to the Secretary by at least five percent (5%) of the members in good standing on January first of the year of submission of the petition, provided that no more than 25% of the signatures to the petition be from any one call sign area. Proposed amendments, submitted by valid petition, must be acted upon by the Board no later than the next meeting of the Board. Ballots shall carry a statement of the return date limit, which shall be no less than 60 days after the date of the mailing. Approval of the amendment by at least two thirds of the members voting shall be necessary for its enactment.

**Section 2.** The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint two or more tellers to count the ballots for the amendment. The Tellers shall certify in writing to the President and the General Manager, the results of the ballot count.

If any member wishes to suggest a change to the By-Laws – the amendment procedure is presented below.

## ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any regularly called meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** Petitions to change the By-laws may be submitted to the Secretary upon signature of at least 200 members in good standing on January 1st of the year of submission of the Petition. The Board of Directors must consider and vote upon said petition at the next succeeding meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** The membership shall be advised of any amendment to these Bylaws at least sixty (60) days prior to its becoming effective.

For a complete copy of the Constitution and/or By-Laws – refer to the QCWA Web Site or write to the QCWA General Manager to request a copy. Please enclose an SASE with your request.

I trust this article will give everyone a sense of the work done within the Administration Committee. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at the information shown on page 2 of each Journal.



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**FOR SALE:** Heathkit Dummy Load newly refurbished for \$25. Prefer to deliver at Dayton Hamvention. Steven Putman, N8ZR@yahoo.com

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|------------------------|--------|--------|---|-----------------|-------|
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| BENNETT, JACK W        | W8WEN  | 32182  |   | ALLIANCE        | OH    |
| BRINK, WALTER L        | W3WPY  | 18021  | L | STEVENSVILLE    | MD    |
| BROOKS, ERWIN T        | NV7N   | 26334  |   | KLAMATH FALLS   | OR    |
| CARY, EDDIE LYNN       | WA4EGQ | 30546  |   | GREENVILLE      | KY    |
| CASSING, E F           | W0GJG  | 13513  |   | OVERLAND PARK   | KS    |
| COHEN, MARLYN          | W5KOU  | 32832  |   | YUKON           | OK    |
| COSSMAN, ROBERT C      | W7MBB  | 25656  |   | PHOENIX         | AZ    |
| COVERT, LELAND         | KA8FTM | 32367  |   | CANTON          | OH    |
| CROSBIE, WILLIAM D SR  | WA5DRP | 20157  |   | DEDHAM SPRINGS  | LA    |
| DIEDRICKSEN, ALVIN C   | W1GFE  | 19378  |   | NEW BRITAIN     | CT    |
| DOERSAM, PHIL          | KX7J   | 14447  | L | TUCSON          | AZ    |
| HAFSTROM, J R          | W6KNK  | 05844  | L | CORVALLIS       | OR    |
| HAZELL, W C            | W4TAD  | 21812  |   | LARGO           | FL    |
| HOLM, JOHN A           | W8NFR  | 33244  |   | DEARBORN        | MI    |
| HOOK, LEN              | KG6ZR  | 31549  |   | BRISTOW         | VA    |
| JACKSON, CHARLES W     | W8QXF  | 14864  | L | ELYRIA          | OH    |
| JESTER, RUTH O         | KC0KB  | 31804  |   | LOUISBURG       | KS    |
| KNOLLINGER, DONALD E   | WB8ZTV | 32621  |   | SUMMERFIELD     | FL    |
| KUNING, WILLIAM A      | W3BY   | 08101  |   | SILVER SPRING   | MD    |
| LONG, ALBERT L         | N5AL   | 26001  |   | DALLAS          | TX    |
| MACZALI, GEORGE J      | K5STR  | 07773  | L | RICHMOND        | TX    |
| MC CABE, WILLIAM B     | W2ZHZ  | 08661  | L | LAKELAND        | FL    |
| MC NASSOR, JOHN J      | W1GVT  | 01936  |   | SOUTHINGTON     | CT    |
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| MILNE, HARVEY W        | VE6JV  | 23313  |   | CALGARY         | AB    |
| MOORE, HARRISON W JR   | W2JQS  | 20327  | L | BRONXVILLE      | NY    |
| NOWAK, EDWARD F        | W1FAJ  | 02137  | L | FARMINGTON      | CT    |
| PHILLIPS, WALTER E     | W9AVP  | 11603  | L | PAW PAW         | MI    |
| PRECHTL, WILLIAM B     | W3KO   | 06477  | L | BRIDGE CITY     | TX    |
| RAY, DARRELL M         | W0BGM  | 18709  | L | CARL JUNCTION   | MO    |
| REICHLEIN, D O         | W7GVG  | 03616  | L | STRONGSVILLE    | OH    |
| RIEMENSCHNEIDER, FLOYD | K7MGA  | 22571  |   | YAKIMA          | WA    |
| SCHEUERMAN, JANICE R   | WA2YL  | 28261  | L | CAPE CORAL      | FL    |
| SEALE, CLIFFORD E      | W2MHF  | 13836  | L | MIAMI           | FL    |
| SEIFERT, RICHARD E     | KB2FF  | 28178  |   | KEENE           | NH    |
| SKINNER, GERALD R      | K4LVZ  | 17107  | L | ORMOND BEACH    | FL    |
| STOLZENBERGER, ED      | WB4ODL | 07897  |   | FORT LAUDERDALE | FL    |
| THROOP, JAMES R        | AA5CV  | 07627  | L | BELLA VISTA     | AR    |
| UMBERGER, DAN          | W8ZCQ  | 08009  |   | COLUMBUS        | OH    |
| VALENTINE, ELLICOTT    | K4JO   | 01569  |   | WINSTON SALEM   | NC    |
| VOGEL, RICHARD A       | W4XB   | 21907  |   | VIRGINIA BEACH  | VA    |
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| NUM NAME                | DAY   | TIME  | NC     | FREQ                 | NUM NAME                | DAY            | TIME  | NC     | FREQ                   |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------|--------|------------------------|
| 50 CALIF CW             | SUN   | 1100L | K6CD   | 7034                 | 81 LONG ISLAND QCWA CH  | FRI            | 2030L | W2TLC  | 146.745 -              |
| FL SSB                  | SAT   | 1300Z | W4KOG  | 3955                 | 81 LONG ISLAND CH       | SUN            | 1130L | W2TLC  | 3917                   |
| QCWA SSB                | SUN   | 2000Z | varies | 14347                | 85 ARK-LA-TEX CH        | MON            | 1930L | WA9PZL | 146.67 -               |
| FL SSB                  | WED   | 1500Z | W4NWF  | 7274                 | 89 PALMETTO STATE CH    | SAT            | 0843L | N4RM   | 3930                   |
| CONEX                   | SUN   | 0815L | W2NBT  | 3917                 | 89 PALMETTO CH          | SUN            | 1700L | N4RM   | 3695                   |
| QCWA CW                 | WED   | 2000E | VARIES | 7035                 | 91 VIC CLARK CH         | SUN            | 0900L | VARIES | 146.79 -               |
| 1 CLEVELAND CH          | WED   | 2000L | W8LYD  | 146.85 -             | 102 DAKOTA CH           | SUN            | 1400Z | VARIES | 3889                   |
| 2 CHICAGO AREA CH       | 1stTh | 2130L | W9MOL  | 147.15 +             | 106 GERMAN CH           | MON            | 1630Z | DLOQCW | 3773                   |
| 5 DELAWARE VALLEY CH    | SUN   | 0945L | W2UAE  | 3917                 | 106 GERMAN CH           | TUE            | 1730Z | DL1MEB | 3576                   |
| 6 PITTSBURGH CH         | SUN   | 0830L | N3GHI  | 147.03 +             | 107 CENTRAL FL          | SAT            | 0900L | W4LHP  | 7243                   |
| 7 SOUTHERN CA           | SUN   | 1000L | W6ZRZ  | 147.36 +             | 107 CENTRAL FL          | THUR           | 1230L | W4LHP  | 14245                  |
| 7 SOUTHERN CA           | SUN   | 1000L | W6ZRZ  | 446.24-              | 108 BEAVER STATE CH     | WED            | 0800L | VARIES | 3854                   |
| 7 SOUTHERN CA           | SUN   | 1100L | K6CD   | 7034                 | 109 BATON ROUGE CH      | SUN            | 2000L | VARIES | 146.79 -               |
| 7 SOUTHERN CA           | SUN   | 0900L | W6LPJ  | 3917                 | 109 BATON ROUGE CH      | SUN            | 0800L | VARIES | 3905                   |
| 8 UPPER MIDWEST CH      | SAT   | 0800L | WOOFY  | 3909                 | 110 KANSAS CH           | SAT            | 0730L | NOLL   | 3920                   |
| 9 SOUTHWEST OH          | SUN   | 1330L | W8TIV  | 3975                 | 111 PALM BEACH CH       | THSA           | 1900L | VARIES | 146.670 -              |
| 10 MICHIGAN CH          | SUN   | 0800L | VARIES | 3.903                | 112 YANKEE CH           | SUN            | 0830L | W1GCA  | 3906                   |
| 10 MICHIGAN CH          | SUN   | 1430L | VARIES | 3.530                | 114 NORTH TEXAS CH      | SAT            | 0830L | WA5BXH | 3933                   |
| 11 NORTHERN CA          | SAT   | 1000L | WB6IMX | 146.85 -             | 119 TIDEWATER VA        | SUN            | 0900L | WQ4CWA | 146.895-               |
| 11 NORTHERN CA          | SUN   | 0930L | WA6AFT | 3907                 | 119 TIDEWATER VA        | SUN            | 0700L | WQ4CWA | 3947                   |
| 14 SAN DIEGO CH         | WED   | 2000L | VARIES | 146.640 -            | 123 LEE DEFOREST CH     | SAT            | 0730L | VARIES | 3940                   |
| 16 ARIZONA CH           | SUN   | 0700L | W7LGB  | 3890                 | 125 NEBRASKA CH         | TUE            | 0100Z | VARIES | 146.94 -               |
| 17 ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM  | SUN   | 1200L | W3GOS  | 3990                 | 126 PIEDMONT CH         | SAT            | 0845L | VARIES | 3825                   |
| 19 MISSOURI CH          | WED   | 1900L | W9VHL  | 147.360              | 128 PELICAN CH          | SAT            | 0900L | VARIES | 145.29 -               |
| 20 BALTIMORE CH         | THU   | 2000L | W3EE   | 146.760-<br>pl 107.2 | 130 INLAND EMPIRE       | WED            | 1930L | W6HV   | 1896                   |
| 21 CANTON OH CH         | THU   | 1930L | VARIES | 145.11-              | 130 INLAND EMPIRE       | SAT            | 0800L | W6HV   | 3917                   |
| 25 NEBRASKA CH          | SAT   | 0830L | VARIES | 3982                 | 130 INLAND EMPIRE       | FRI            | 1600L | W6HV   | 3917                   |
| 28 CENTRAL NY           | SUN   | 1030L | VARIES | 3917                 | 134 PINE TREE           | SUN            | 1400L | VARIES | 3942                   |
| 31 READING,PA CH        | MON   | 2100L | VARIES | 146.91 -             | 135 MID-MICHIGAN CH     | TUE            | 2000L | VARIES | 146.70 -               |
| 32 GATOR CH             | SAT   | 0900L | VARIES | 145.29 -             | 138 MARCONI CH          | TUE            | 2100L | VARIES | 147.045+               |
| 33 GUNDERSON PENN-JRSEY | DAILY | 2000L | W3APE  | 3987                 | 140 WYOMING CH          | SAT            | 0800L | AB7BJ  | 3923                   |
| 33 GUNDERSON-PENN-JRSEY | DAILY | 1000L | W3APE  | 14263                | 146 TWIN STATE CH       | SUN            | 0830L | VARIES | 3912                   |
| 35 MIDCONTINENT CH      | THU   | 2030L | KOYML  | 146.97 -             | 146 TWIN STATE CH       | THUR           | 1900L | VARIES | 146.76 -               |
| 37 HARRISBURG CH        | WED   | 2100L | K3IUY  | 147.12 +             | 149 NUTMEG CH           | SUN            | 1030L | W1JC   | 3923                   |
| 38 SAN ANTONIO CH       | SUN   | 2030L | W5HRF  | 146.94 -             | 150 DEL-MAR-VA CH       | SUN            | 0900L | NQ4Q   | 146.820 -              |
| 41 DALLAS CH            | SUN   | 0715L | VARIES | 3835                 | 151 WILD ROSE CH        | MON            | 1900L | VARIES | 3747                   |
| 45 CITRUS CH            | TUE   | 1930L | VARIES | 147.195 +            | 152 ROYAL PALM CH       | MWF            | 1630L | K4FA   | 14190                  |
| 46 FOUNDER'S CH         | SUN   | 0815L | W2NBT  | 3917                 | 160 UTAH CH             | SAT            | 1100L | VARIES | 7272                   |
| 49 PEACH STATE CH       | SAT   | 0900E | K4VN   | 3857.5               | 162 SOUTHEAST WI        | THUR           | 2100L | N9NBC  | 147.27+                |
| 49 PEACH STATE CH       | WED   | 2000L | K4VN   | 145.41 -             | 165 YORK COUNTY PA      | WED            | 2100L | W3AXC  | 147.33+                |
| 51 TEX-LA GOLDEN TRI    | MON   | 1830L | W5AL   | 146.85               | 169 SACRAMENTO VALLEY   | M/THU          | 1730L | VARIES | 3947.5                 |
| 55 WI CH                | SUN   | 0830L | WA9UVK | 3985                 | 173 GOLDEN TRI CH       | TUE            | 1930L | W9JRY  | 145.39 -               |
| 58 CO CH                | SUN   | 0900L | W9KRE  | 3910                 | 181 HUDSON VALLEY       | SUN            | 0815L | W2NBT  | 3917                   |
| 58 CO CH                | SUN   | 0930L | VARIES | 146.67-              | 182 NORTHEAST TN        | SUN            | 2100L | W4CZ   | 145.110 -              |
| 62 SUWANNEE CH          | SAT   | 0900L | W4PFJ  | 3940                 | 183 PIONEER CH          | SUN            | 0930L | VARIES | 3923                   |
| 63 CENTRAL OK CH        | SUN   | 0730L | W5AS   | 3845 kcs             | 191 MONTEREY BAY CH     | TUES           | 1930L | VARIES | 146.70 +               |
| 63 CENTRAL OK CH        | THUR  | 1900L | W5HXL  | 147.105 +            | 194 HAWAII CH           | 1st S          | 1500L | KH6B   | 7088                   |
| 64 EL PASO CH           | SAT   | 0830L | W5RO   | 3933                 | 196 EDISON CH           | DAILY          | 0730L | VARIES | 147.345 -              |
| 65 NIAGARA FRONTIER     | SUN   | 1330L | W2QI   | 3900                 | 198 MID SIERRA CH       | SAT            | 0700L | VARIES | 3908                   |
| 67 AUSTIN CH            | SAT   | 0900L | W5MDL  | 3920                 | 204 BANKS OF THE WABASH | SAT            | 1000L | VARIES | 145.230                |
| 70 NATIONAL CAPITAL     | MON   | 1930L | VE3QCW | 147.030-             | 205 EASTERN IN CH       | MON            | 2000L | VARIES | 147.045+<br>pl 131.8   |
| 75 CENTRAL CA COAST     | SAT   | 1000  | VARIES | 7260                 | 210 OMAHA CH            | TUES           | 1900L | WOOMA  | 147.36 +               |
| 76 BLUE RIDGE CH        | SAT   | 0845L | W4LSK  | 3.740 Mhz            | 211 NEOSHO VALLEY CH    | SAT            | 0900C | VARIES | 3907                   |
| 77 NORTHERN NJ          | THU   | 2000L | W2IET  | 147.030 +            |                         | EXCEPT 4TH SAT |       |        |                        |
| 79 SUNFLOWER CH         | WED   | 2100L | VARIES | 146.82 -             | 213 FRESNO CALIFORNIA   | 4TH MON        | 1930L | VARIES | 146.850(-)<br>pl 141.3 |

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